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Government defeated in vote on PR elections for Europe

Take the Labour opponents of the EEC lined up with Conservative opponents of proportional representation yesterday to defeat heavily the Government's recommendation that the Continental-style voting system be used in the first direct elections to the Liberals.

the European Assembly. By a majority of 97, in a free vote, the Commons called for a simple majority vote in Britain and a single transferable vote in Northern Ireland. The decision was a blow to

Serious blow for Mr Steel

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The Commons last night rejected by 319 votes to 222, a majority of 97, the Government's recommendation to accept a form of proportional representation as the system to be used in the first direct elec-tions to the European Assembly. An alliance, largely of Labour opponents of the EEC and Conservative opponents of proportional representation, carried a Labour backbench amendment to the European Assemblies Bill accepting the traditional British method for elections to Westminster, of first past the post.

The decision was a humilia-

The decision was a humilia-tion to the Government, and a serious blow to its agreement with the Liberals who were the with the Liberals who were the driving force behind the proportional representation campaign. It will present serious difficulties for Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, fighting to maintain the agreement against growing disenchantment within his party.

The Liberal conference in Sentember warned that the

September warned that the agreement to sustain the Govwould be ended if a substantial majority of Labour MPs did not support the Government in its recommendation of propor-tional representation.

But yesterday, it was soon evident that MPs on both sides of the House looked on a vote for proportional representation for the European Assembly as the thin end of the wedge for a similar system being intro-duced for Westminster elec-

clear that there was now no hope of reaching the Community target date for these elections of May or June, 1978,

whichever system was adopted.
Mr Douglas Hurd, leading off
in the debate from the Conservative from bench, produced figures showing conclusively that unless all the legislative days available in January and February were devoted to the representation.

European Assembly Elections
Bill it would not be possible to
obtain Royal Assent in time to
meet the deadline. This
destroyed one of the main
arguments of the Liberals and
others who favour proportional
representation.

representation.
With a free vote on both sides of the House, but with Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, advocating PR on behalf of the Govern-ment, and Mr Hurd supporting the traditional system as his personal choice, it was soon clear that the Government was in serious difficulty.

Mr Hurd repeatedly chal-lenged Mr Rees to say whether the Government was prepared to forget about all other legislation, incloding the Scotland and Wales Bills, for the first two months of the new year, but he failed to get any clear

Advocates of PR, including Mr Heath and Mr Rees, held out the target date as a carrot to persuade MPs to vote as the Government wished. But it was evident that that was a forlorn hope.

hope.

Mr Heath vainly tried to swing the tide in favour of PR. Pledging his support for a guil-

the first-past-the-post system. Mr Hurd calculated that Royal Assem would not be reached until May 24. On the basis of Mr Rees's estimate that it would then take three months to prepare for and hold the elections, the target date was out of the question. As the Prime Minister had said, it would not be the end of the world if the elections were post-poned. Mr Hurd felt it would be a great mistake to impose an important voting innovation on top of the innovation of direct elections direct elections.

Opening the debate Mr Rees told the House that he yielded to no one in his support for the traditional system of election for the House of Commons. But Europe was different.

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He believed that the regional list system was appropriate for the European. Assembly. It would enable speediar progress to be made and could produce a more representative result than a simple majority system. When there were only 81 seats the swings would be enormous between elections.

Mr Rees said that puless there was a speed-up in pro-

there was a speed-up in pro-cedures after Christmas, the chances of achieving the target date under the first-past-the-post system were extremely re-

Under the regional list system they were talking about a period of three months between

Anglo-French summit proposes wider industrial cooperation

new spirit of French entente is to be ex-tended by industrial cooperation between the two countries.

Mr Callaghan, the Prime
Minister, announced yesterday
that he and President Giscard d'Estaing have agreed to set up a committee of officials to examine industrial cooperation and identify new areas where joint projects would be practical. Its first meeting will be

early in the new year. This was the main conclusion This was the main conclusion to emerge from the two-day meeting at Chequers, which ended yesterday. Both sides appeared pleased that the conversations had gone well, with Mr Callaghan emphasizing that the purpose was not to take decisions but to make Angio-French consultation "a natural habit".

habit."

Speaking at a press conference at RAF Halton near Chequers, before M Giscard d'Estaing left Heathrow for Paris, Mr Callaghan said the new committee would consider joint projects in offsbore oil technology, work on the periphery of computers, the carindustry, machine tools and the paper industry.

paper industry.

The two leaders also welcomed plans for a 2,000 megawatt cable hink under the channel, provided their electricity authorities showed it would be a commercial

viability. "We want the companies to establish if there is a joint venture here." He said a French project and a British project were under review, from the commercial angle of markets, prospects

"The only thing we ask", the Prime Minister added, "is that we should reach an early decision. We do not want to be left behind by incapacity to make up our minds."

M Giscard d'Estaing, support-ing this need for a rapid deciing this need for a rapid decision, pointed out more generally that Britain and France had similar problems and similar abilities, and that they could certainly increase their competitive position in the world and reduce their handicage by working together adding as an working together, adding as an example the "brilliant success"

example the "brilliant success" of Concorde.

The only political reference at the press conference concerned direct elections to the European Parliament. With the Commons due to vote last night on the method of electing MPs for Europe, M Giscard d'Estaing remarked that the other eight countries of the Community had now announced they would be ready to hold direct elections by June, 1978, and he hoped Britain would be ready too. Mr Callaghan chipped in to say: "If it is not 1978, it will be 1979."

Our Air Correspondent writes:

proposition.

Asked about cooperation on a Our Air Correspondent writes:

new airliner, Mr Callaghan Without any urging from insisted that the test would be their political leaders, the not political hat commercial British and Franch circumful industries, along with the West industries, along with the West industries, and the Dutch, are moving speedily towards developing a family of European airliners.

airliners.

The family will comprise a 70-100 seater based on the British HS146 design, a 130-160 seater based largely on a French design, a 200-seat B10 version of the A300 European airbus, and the 300-seat airbus itself.

Most immediate among these projects, with a decision possibly by January, is the 130-160 seater.

originally there were two competing European designs, the British X-11, a development of the BAC 1-11 milliner, 200 of which are in service around the world, and the French

A200. But British Aerospace, the nationalized aircraft industry, has now agreed that its X-11 should be placed in a "fall-back position". A team of 20 engineers from the four potential partner countries has been set up at its headquarters at Weybridge, Surrey, to work out details of the new airliner.

The IET team as it is known. The JET team, as it is known, has been told to start with a "blank sheet of paper", but it is certain that its members are leaning heavily on the French work which has already been completed on the A200 design.

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armoured personnel carrier: "Designed for the 1960s, needs more



"No transport, no crew pro-



Rapier anti-sircraft missile: Chieftain tank: "Serious engine trouble yet no spare



BAOR equipment 'badly deficient', officers declare

Allegations of serious deficiencies in the standard of equipment and spares in the Rhine Army have been made to The Times by serving officers. They maintain that the deteriorating state of weapons and equipment has contributed to the loss of army morale caused by low pay.

The altegations concern Rhine

anti-rank weapons, ammunion transport and radios, which, officers say, are so old or so scarce that they make a mockety of ministerial state-ments about the state of readi-ness of British forces assigned to North

The allegations in detail, and rebuttals by senior army sources

report

advisers

QC, say Mr Stonehouse's penies "were saturated QC, say Mr Stonehouse's com-posities "were saturated with offences, irregularities and improprieties of one kind or

"The prime mover undoubtedly was Mr Stonehouse, who was concerned in the execution and attempted concealment of almost all the irregular

Sir Cherles and Mr Levine are criticized for their role in

of London Capital Group, the former British Bangladesh Trust, to June 30, 1973. BBT

was set up to finance close links with the emergent Bang-ladesh nation.

The inspectors say it was clear that at least 26 per cent

of: total loans outstanding at June 30 of £748,000 were repre-sented by loan accounts of the

directors and associated com-

Dixon Wilson, Sir Charles's

with recent operational experi- were no spares for them, or that requirements, so the ence in Germany, are given below.

However, they come at a time when not only Service pay is causing concern to soldiers. Last week a seminar on Britain's reserve forces, held at the Royal United Services Institute in Whitehall, heard officers venti-lating criticisms.

It was pointed out at the seminar that Britain has no real reserve, since all our reserves, on mobilization, would be sent to make up serious deficiencies in the regular order

that their units were with such old-i weapons that there

they had to rely on assurances that modern equipment would be available for them on mobilization, although they had never trained with it. trained with it.

The allegations about the Rhine Army's equipment and knine Army's equipment and the rebuttals are as follows:
Anti-aircraft defences: The Rapier anti-aircraft missile is the Army's only air defence, yet the British Corps has only two Rapier regiments to defend its entire area. It has no effective means of transport or protection for the missile crews. When British tried to sell the missile overseas, Middle Eastern governments bought it only on ern governments bought it only on condition that the system could be augmented with American-built armoured tracked carriers for transport and protection. Comment: Rapier was designed to be air-portable for Britain's global

armoured chassis available for its deployment with the Rhine Army, adhough that will probably be produced in time. A third artil-lery regiment is equipping with Rapier, RAF airtields are defended Rapier, RAF airfields are defended by the RAF Regiment with Rapier, and further air defence would be provided in an emergency by volunteer reserve units with guns and the Blowpipe missile.

Anti-tank: (a) M-72, 66mm rocket. In the opinion of most infantrymen who have to use it, it is hopelessly, even dangerously, out of date and frequently fails to

detonate.

(b) The same criticisms apply to the 88mm Carl Gustav rocket.

Comment: Those short-range weapons have recognized limitations but the Army is due to declare a replacement. The delay has been caused by technical evolution of a difficult weapon system.

(c) Milan. Although due to replace the aging Wombut recoilless gun, it will not reach most battalions until the mid-1980s, leaving them without any effective anti-tank capability for up to seven years. Comment: Training with Milan has now started ut the School of Infantry. It is a first-generation medium-range weapon that has required much research. It will be produced as quickly as possible but might be introduced more rapidly if the political situation deteriorated.

rapidly if the political situation deteriorated.
Chieftain tank: Because of cors in the detence budget, officers have been told there are no spare engines for the Chieftains located in Germany in spite of that tank's widespread engine trouble. When tanks break down on exercise, they have to be towed back to camp and left, while the crewshave no replacements.
Comment: The Chieftain's engine

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Stonehouse criticizes Department of Trade inspectors have made strong criticisms of Sir Charles Hardie, a leading accountant and former chairman of BOAC, and Mr Eric Levine, a City solicitor, in their report on London Capital Group, which Mr John Stonehouse, the jailed Labour Minister, built up five years ago. ago. The inspectors, Mr Ian Hay Davison, a chartered accoun-tant, and Mr Michael Sherrard,

Chairman Hua Kuo-feng (in light jacket) helps volunteers to dig the site for a dam at Mi yun, 40 miles north-east of Peking.

Call to tape-record suspects' interviews

The police should tape-record gest they had got the wrong their interviews with suspects man, or that for some other and only confessions supported reason the prosecution should by recordings should be the basis for a conviction, a report regards it as his duty to sour

basis for a conviction, a report by Sir Heury Fisher, a former High Court Judge, says today. Sir Henry has been investigat-ing for two years the circum-stances leading to the trial and conviction of three youths after the death of a transvestite homosexual prostitute, Maxwell Confait, in his home at Catford, London. His report criticizes the preparation of the prosecution case.

directors and associated com-panies.

"Mr Levine quite wrongly advised that the directors' report need not refer to the loans in question because each loan contract should be con-sidered separately and its materiality judged in isola-tion", the inspectors say. His firm was adviser to BBT.

"Sir Charles Hardie, de-spite explicit advice to the contracy from his own legal adviser, quite wrongly capitu-lated to the view that settle-ment of the loans would obviate the need to disclose them in the accounts." of the Judges' Rules on investi-gations, including use of a new police caution to make clearer that a suspect is antitled to say

Dixon Wilson, Sir Charles's firm, were auditors to BBT. In contrast to the criticisms of the 1973 audit, his firm is praised for its persistence in revealing the "extensive improprieties" a year later.

As a result of their findings the inspectors make a number of prompagations came of that a suspect is antitled to say nothing.

"So long as there is no supporting evidence for a confession the police should not automatically conclude their inquiries on the assumption that the confession is true but should continue other inquiries until they are satisfied that all alternatives have been excluded", it says. of recommendations, some of which have been followed up in the recent White Paper on directors' responsibilities. These include: a change in the definition of "director."

sit says.
Sir Henry says the police do not see it as their duty to initiate inquiries that might sug-Continued on page 17, col 4

"regards it as his duty to spur the polities on to question the case and to follow lines of in-quiry which might be inconsis-tent with it ", he adds. "There have been enough cases of police musbehaviour in England to give rise to sus-picion when events such as those in the Confait case occur, and to justify a reconsideration of the control exercised over police interrogation."

He urges changes to ensure that the whole evidence is evaluated in a critical way in the DPP's office. He also says that pathologists, whose evi-dence in the Confait case did not make clear information that was vital for one defence alibi, should see any witness's state-ment that might be relevant to

time of death.

Mr David McNee, Commissioner of the Metropolitan
Police, last night welcomed the fact that some speculative criti-cisms, made before the report's publication, had proved un-

Report and reaction, page 4

Two French nuns kidnapped in Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Dec 13.-Two French nuns involved in human rights activities have been kidnapped by armed civilians claiming to be members of Argentine security forces, the French Consul here said today.

Sister Alicia Domon, aged 40, of the Order of Foreign Missionaries was expended from here

sionaries, was snarched from her home in central Buenos Aires on Thursday night and Sister Léonie Duquet, aged 59, was taken away on Saturday morn-ing.—Reuter.

Armed gang escape in £250,000 robbery

From Our Correspondent

An armed gang escaped with about £250,000 in an attack on two Securicor vehicles, one of them an armoured van, near the M1 motorway in Hertfordshire

yesterday.

They struck in a country lane at Bedmond Road, Leverstock Green, near Hemel Hempstead, and escaped down an embank ment to a vehicle waiting on the bard shoulder of the southbound motorway.

A silver grey box van, regis-tered number BJG 381K, halted the armoured Securicor van at the junction of Bunkers Lane and Bedmond Road, Leverstock

The police said that as the two Securicor vehicles, one providing an escort, approached the crossroads a white Mark II Ford Cortina slowed, forcing them to do so. The escort was rammed from behind by another

Two men from it forced the at guapoint to go to the armoured van. At the same time a green Mark II Cortina time a green Mark II Cortina drove across the road and two men ran to the cash carrier and fired a shot through the windscreen. They also fired shots at the offside tyres.

They cut open the side of the cash carrier with a mechanical metal grinder.

After the raid, in which the gang used five vehicles, the gunmen left in the box van. The driver dropped about five men

driver dropped about five mon driver dropped about five men where a bridge crossed the M1 about a mile away. He parked the van in Beech Tree Lane, between Leverstock Green and St Albans, ran across a garden, and joined the rest of the gang on the M1. They drove towards London in the escape vehicle.

Israeli and Egyptian peace teams hold first meeting

From Edward Mortimer Cairo, Dec 13

Direct negotiations between Egypt and Israel began here to-day with a one-and-a-half hour informal meeting devoted to discussion of procedure for to-morrow's formal opening of the Cairo peace conference. The meeting took place over coffee and cakes in the wing

occupied by the Egyptian dele-gation in the Mena House Hotel, near the pyramids. The host was the head of the Egyptian: delegation, Dr Esmat Abdel Megnid, who is Egypt's Ambassador the United Nacions. Also present on the Egyptian

ystmas ei^r side was Dr Osama el Baz, a high-ranking diplomat who was one of the party accompanying President Sadat on his visit to Israel last month.

Israel was represented by its head of delegation, Mr Eliahn Ben Elisser, who is director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, and Dr Meir Rosenne, legal adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Neither the United nations nor the United States was represented, al-though both will be present at

the formal conference The Egyptian-Israeli meeting was one of a series between different delegations. Dr Morsi Saadeddine the Egyptian Under Secretary of State for Information, explained that these meetings were concerned purely with procedure for tomorrow, not with the agenda for the con-ference as a whole, which is to be decided at the first closed session tomorrow.

This is to be preceded by a public meeting which will be opened by Dr Abdel Meguid, who as delegate of the host country will also act as chair-man throughout the conference. three heads of delegation will make a short speech, in alpha-

betical order.

There will be no observers at the conference, which Dr Sandedine described as an informal preparatory meeting to pave the way for the resumption of the Geneva conference and to get rid of procedural matters which may entangle it.

The Israeli delegates arrived in Cairo this morning on a special El Al flight and were driven to the conference hotel through a city festooned with

Public places had been draped with Egyptian flags, but there were no Israeli flags and no messages in Hebrew. Nor were there any watching crowds since it had been announcedpresumably for security reasons —that the delegates would be taken to the hotel by helicopter.

Vance rebuff in Syria, page 6

Relying on America, page 14

Firemen will reject pay offer today

The employers' latest offer, of a pay formula to take effect over two years, will be rejected today by the Fire Brigades Union executive as a way of ending the strike. Some firemen voted to accept the offer, but the biggest brigades, including London and Greater Manchester, rejected to await reports it. The union is expected to await reports from its officials before taking action over the clashes at Epping on Monday between pickets and part-time firemen Page 2

Pay policy condemned The Society of Civil and Public Servants has condemned the finance and general purposes committee of the TUC for condoning "Government attempts to im-pose an arbitrary and discriminatory in-comes policy in the public sector". It says the committee's decision not to support the

firemen's strike was contrary to TUC policy, and calls for its reversal Page 2 Critical Rhodesia talks Semlement talks between the Rhodesian Settlement talks between the knodestan Government and three internally based nationalist movements will reach a critical stage today. The meeting could decide whether the talks can be split into separate committees to discuss details or whether they will stall on the Government's insistence on a third of a future parliament's seats being held by whites

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Output drop points to rise in unemployment

Industrial production shows no signs of picking up, despite the economic stimulus given by Mr Healey in the summer. The implication of Government figures, which showed that industrial production fell by about 14 per cent in October, is that unemployment will probably rise this winter. Page 17

Spy inquiry in Bonn

A senior adviser in the West German Ministry of Defence is being investigated as a result of the disclosure that vital military secrets have been passed to East Germany. The adviser's former secretary was allegedly the key figure in the spyring Page 6

Spassky blunders

A blunder by Boris Spassky, former world chess champion, drew gasps of dismay from spectators in Belgrade and brought him another defeat at the hands of Viktor Korchaoi. Korchaoi now leads 6-2 in the match to decide who will play Anatoly Karpov for the world ritle Page 6 Cancer: Methods of recording the

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Civil Service union urges TUC to contest incomes policy

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Union leaders of executive civil servants have accused the TUC of giving "tarit support" to the Government's 10 per cent pay rise limit and are seeking

In a letter delivered by hand last night to Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, the Society of Civil and Public Servants urged other union leaders to rescind the decision of the TUC "inner cabinet" not to support the faremen's strike and 30 per cent pay

Mr Gerry Gillman the union's general secretary, said in the letter: That decision is contrary to explicit congress policy, and appears to condone government attempts to impose an arbitrary and discriminatory incomes policy in the public

sector."

He recalled that the TUC "inner cabinet", its finance and general purposes committee, had said that free collective bargaining gave not only unions but employers, including the Government, the same freedom.

These statements seem to based on a misconception. What the Government is applying in the public services is not free collective bargaining."

Mr Gillman insisted. "It it were, they would be negotiating and settling on the merits of each case. But although they have themselves recognized the

firemen in their assault on the income policy. Mr Murray has been specifically asked to bring it to the notice of the TUC General Council at its meeting next Wednesday. But the "inner cabinet's " recommenda-

TUC leaders that the September TUC conference adopted a resolution insisting that the Government should set an example to other employers by conouring normal collective

arbitrary restriction on pay.

These methods are simply the counterpart in the public sector of sanctions in the private sector used to try to enforce an incorpus policy which was not incomes policy which was not agreed by congress." TUC leaders have rejected the

were, they would be negotiating and settling on the merits of each case. But although they have themselves recognized the justice of the firemen's case, they have still refused to move beyond their self-imposed limits on pay.

"The public sector is in fact being subject to an arbitrary and rigid incomes policy enforced by a set of crude sanctions."

Mr Gillman's letter is the first public indication that other

tion not to mount a general offensive against the 10 per cent

limit is expected to carry.

The civil servants remind

honouring normal collective bargaining procedures. It was made clear that any attempt to impose a rigid pay policy in the public sector would be regarded as a fundamental breach of TUC policy.

The society's initiative, authorized by its executive council, adds "In the case of the Civil Service, the Government have refused to honour existing agreed bargaining procedures for the next settlement date in April 1978.

"Throughout the public services, cash limits exist as an arbitrary restriction on pay.

Buoyant Mr Callaghan talks of more tax cuts

By Hugh Nayes Parkamentary Correspondent

Mr Cellaghan was in buoyant mood in the Commons yester-day as he spoke confidently of further tax cuts in Mr Healey's spring Budget and told MPs that inflation had been over-

that inflation had been overcome.

He predicted substantial
improvements in the standard
of living of the British people
in 1978. But he said that all
that would be thrown oway and
the proposed tax cuts would not
take place if the nation rejected
the need for moderate increases
in examings and went for "fantastic increases of 20 and 30
per cent".

He reminded the House that
a moderate increase in estrains
how, coupled with a reduction
in taxation and the fact that

Prime Minister to confirm that
the pay in the packet of the
average worker this Christmas
would boy less than at any
Christmas since 1969. Mr
Callaghan replied that responsible people had never tried to
deny the effect of higher oil
prices and other matters.

That had lowered the standards of life in Britain and
other countries. But, Mr
Callaghan said, the nation was
recovering and real and substantial increases in living
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a moderate increase in earnings now, coupled with a reduction in taxation and the fact that 1978. the Government was overcoming

inflation, which was expected to be in single figures next year, would greatly improve the standard of life for the first time for several years. If moderate semisments were rejected, there would be a general reduction in standards. Mrs Thatcher challenged the Prime Minister to confirm that

to ignore opposition on planning

By John Young

The Government indicated yesterday that it is ready to override parliamentary and public opposition to its pro-posed relaxations in planning controls, due to come into force on January 1.

Order is intended to reduce the annual total of applications by between a tenth and a fifth. Notably, it raises the limits on extensions to private houses and industrial buildings, exempts conversion of houses into separate homes and gives local authorities greater discretion over listed buildings. Last week the House of Lords

Opposition to the order comes from an unusual alliance between conservationists and local authorities. The former

Mr Christopher McLaren, Mr Christopher McLaren, chairman of Kensington and Cheisea Town Planwing Committee, said the changes would have most unfortunate results in high-density inner-urban areas, and suggested that the amendments should be applied only at the request of individual local authorities. Mr Arthur local authorities. Mr Arthur Miller, a member of Leeds Planning Committee, maintained that the extra time required to deal with complaints would obviate any savings. savings.

Productivity pay for electricians

other commies. But, Mr Callaghan said, the nation was recovering and real and substantial increases in living standards would be seen in 1978.

Parliamentary report, page 8 Labour Editor writes).

It increases the industry's pay bill by 10 per cent to £150.7m a year, and site electricians will be able to earn as much as 30 per cent more through a productivity scheme monitored by the joint industrial board.

Planning Reporter

As reported in The Times last month, the Town and Country Planning General Development

carried a motion proposed by Lord Duncan-Sandys, president of the Civic Trust, urging the Government to withdraw the order. It has also been "prayed against" in the Commons but it still appears that the Government is not prepared to make parliamentary time available before the holiday recess, although a later debate although a l remains possible.

local authorities. The former take the view expressed by Lord Duncan-Sandys that it threatens historic buildings, conservation areas and national parks, and the lutter are concerned that it will increase rather than diminish their planning headaches.

However, Mr Lewis Sturge chairman of East Northampton-shire Planning Committee described Lord Duncan-Sandys's motion as deplorable, adding that it had done the cause of true conservation nothing but harm.

A pay agreement within government guidelines has been reached for 35,000 electrical contracting workers (our Labour Editor writes).

Decision on dismissed MP postponed

The Labour disputes sub-committee carried by 23 votes mittee to which Mrs Maureen Colquhoun, MP for Northampton. North, appealed vesterday to 18 a motion asking her to retire and criticizing her public behaviour and statements. The ton, North, appealed yesterday in an attempt to reverse her in an attempt to reverse her local party's decision to dismiss her has reached no decision. It will meet again in the new year.

Its recommendation will then go to Labour's organization committee, meeting on January 9. It will make its recommendation to the party's national axecutive later next month.

Two months ago Mrs Colquhoun asked if she thought she would win her appeal. She replaced: "I would not say that, because it is a very wicked world." houn's local party management world."

subcommittee met yesterday to consider whether Labour rules

She edded: "They went very carefully into all the rules and regulations. I am hopeful that because of the exhaustive nature of this inquiry they will find that irregularities did occur at Northeanpton, North, as I have always believed they did." A group called the Maureen

Colquboun Action Committee said: "It is clear to everyone that the real reason for her sacking is that she has come out publicly and unashamedly as a lesbian woman."



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Sugar company seeks ban on

ATV programme
By a Staff Reporter
Tate and Lyle stated last Tate and Lyle stated last night that it is to seek an injunction to prevent the showing tonight of an Associated Television programme called The South African Experience.

The company is inserting advertisements in national newspapers saying that interviews and sequences in the proand sequences in the pro-gramme were faked, and that it has affidavits from its em-ployees in South Africa to prove it.

In a letter to The Times to-day, Lord Windlesham, manag-ing director of the ATV Net-work, explains why ATV agreed to cut three statements from the completed film, and says that Mr Antony Thomas, the producer, categorically denies that any interviews were rigged or deliberately falsified. Letters, page 15

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10.36 am 8.57 pm First quarter : December 17.

Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.30 am.

Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.30 am. High water: London Bridge, 3.57 am, 7.4m (24.3ft); 4.26 pm, 7.6m (24.9ft). Avonmouth, 9.36 am, 13.5m (44.4ft); 10.1 pm, 13.0m (42.7ft). Dover, 12.59 am, 7.0m (23.0ft); 1.27 pm, 6.3m (22.2ft). Hull, 8.34 am, 7.5m (24.5ft); 8.42 pm, 7.6m (24.8ft). Liverpool, 1.21 am, 9.4m (30.9ft); 1.42 pm, 9.7m (31.8ft).

An anticyclone will remain just to the S of England. A trough of low pressure will cross parts

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, central E, central
N England, East Anglia, Midlands:
early fog patrices, dry, some
sunny intervals; wind SW light;
max temp 8 or 9°C (46 to 48°F).
SW England, Wales, Channel
Islands: dry, rather cloudy,

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDA'
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3.52 pm

New measures on Ulster fuel debt

The Government is concerned at the high level of public debt in Northern Ireland, particularly for housing, electricity and gas. In a Commons written reply yesterday Mr Concannon, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, said the total was £23m.

Announcing measures for Amouncing measures for debt recovery, he said an order to be introduced soon would provide for the same collection charge (at present 50p a week) to be made for fuel debt as is now made for rent and rates.

Fewer school meals The number of pupils eating school meals in England and Wales in October fell by 648,000 or nearly 12 per cent compared with the same time last year. That was disclosed in a Commons written reply yesterday by Miss Margaret Jackson. Under-Secretary of State, Education and Science.

Government | Fire Brigades Union executive will reject employers' latest wage offer today

By Donald Macintyre

over two years as a basis for under their contract of employending the four-week strike by ment. 30,000 firemen. The

Reports of meetings throughout the country were still coming in last night, but it was clear that most of the 16 mempers of the executive will be committed against any recall of the national conference, which alone has the power to call off The union's south-eastern

region is in favour of recalling the conference and the 270 Bedfordshire firemen voted to accept the offer, but the brigades in London, Wales, the West Midlands, Greater Man-chester, Merseyside, West Yorkshire and East Anglia all reiected it. The most hopeful move that

the executive could agree on today would be to seek a further meeting with the local authority negotiators to discuss their 16-point offer, including the formula that would, from 1979, tie firemen's pay to that of the top quarter of industrial

Responses from yesterday's rank-and-file meetings varied. Some emphasized that the employers were offering no more than a rise of a tenth from November 7 and some drew attention to the conditions attached to the offer.

Detectives

Mr Bessell

From Our Correspondent

Los Angeles

Det Chief Supt Michael
Challes, of Avon and Somerset
Police, who is heading the investigation into an alleged plot
to murder Mr Norman Scott,
the male model who claims to
have had a homosexual relationship with Mr Jeremy Thorpe,
met Mr Peter Bessell, former
Liberal MP for Bodmin, in Los
Angeles vesterday. Mr Thorpe

Angeles yesterday. Mr Thorpe has always denied Mr Scott's

Mr Chelles and Det Supt David Greenhaugh were met by an FBI agent when they arrived in Los Angeles from London on Monday might. Mr Besself drove 100 miles from his home in Oceanside, California, to meet the two men in his lawyer's office.

Mr Challes has aiready interviewed Mr Andrew Newton, a pilot, who has maintained that he was hired to kill Mr Scott for £5,000.

Allegations by

election costs

Mr Mikardo on

Mr. Ian Mikerdo, MP, said yesterday that National Front candidates in general and local elections in his constituency, Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green

and Bow, had still not yet filed returns of their election

The returns, which should be made within 35 days of an elec-tion, were outstanding for a Front candidate in the October,

1974, general election an elec-tion for the Greater London

question

Los Angeles

Labour Reporter recrimination "clause, a warn-The Fire Brigades Union ing that negotiations for a years. executive today will formally shorter working week will also The reject the employers' offer of cover productivity, and a plan a report a pay formula to take effect to cover all firemen's duties

> The regional committee of the London Fire Brigade, representing 5,800 firemen, said it had unanimously endorsed the evecutive's decision not to recall the conference on the basis of the employers' offer. The main comfort for em-

> ployers is that none of yester-day's meetings appears to have rejected, as an outline for the future, the formula that the employers say would give average earnings for firemen of £89 a week from next November and £102 from November 1979,

The union is likely to await a report from its regional offi-cials before taking any action after the clashes on Monday night at Epping fire station, Essex, between pickets and parttime firemen.

The trouble started when the six part-timers tried to drive a fire appliance out of the station. at which about two hundred pickets had gathered. One picket was arrested after the incident and released later on

The part-timers said that the appliance's windscreen had been shattered by a brick and pickets said a car had been driven at some of the strikers. Mr Gordon Newton, assistant

Ulster bombers disrupt Christmas shopping

From Christopher Walker

in Belfast Provisional IRA bombers struck again in the commercial centre of Belfast yesterday. Christmas shoppers were cleared from many streets after armed men had planted four bombs in a large sports store close to the BBC's headquarters. After the first explosion army firefighters were ham-

Flames engulfed the threestorey building, wrecking the store and severely damaging an adjoining restaurant and shirt factory.

Later, three bombs exploded close to the centre of Londonderry, two in a furniture shop and the third in a nelectrical supply shop near by. The attacks came after warnings of an intensification of the IRA's harming company and the company against account of the transfer against a contract of the transfer against a con pered by the threat of others bombing campaign against eco-and exploding gas canisters. nomic targets over Christmas. Press Association reports).

The conditions include a "ao- if wage levels went up by a general secretary of the Re-recrimination" clause, a warn- tenth in each of the next two mined Fire Fighters Union, sold the incident indicated "mob rule" and said it was similar to thers throughout the country.

Mr Roy Martindale, one the Fire Brigades Union's national officers, said last night: "Our instructions are for peaceful picketing and that re-mains the case. It does appear that in this case a car was driven at some of the pickets. We are likely to have a report to the executive and we would not do anything until we have the facts.

About a hundred striking firemen laid wreaths yesterday on the steps of County Hall. London, and at Congress House, the offices of the TUC, after a march from the London brigade's headquarters in Lambein. The wreaths carried the in-scription: "In memory of the London Fire Brigade, reduced to its present death state by indifference".

Plea rejected: Full-time fire-men in Northern Ireland voted yesterday to continue their strike, rejecting pleas from several of Ulster's political parties to treat the province as a special case (Christopher special case (Christophe Walker writes from Belfast).

£10 for Servicemen: The Ministry of Defence has approved an extra £10 a head to be spent on Christmas fare and entertainment for Servicemen on firefighting duties (the

wrist with a knife. He denied all the charges. 300 trawlermen will lose jobs

In brief

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Christmas bus

and Tube plans

On Chrismas Day Loudon

buses will run until 4 pm on

licy sections of 33 routes, and the Underground will run be-

tween 9.30 am and 4.30 pm

holiday Tuesday buses will operate on 171 routes or sec-

tions of routes, starting at 9

am and finishing at Sunday

reduced Sunday service from 10

am on Foxing Day, and a Sun-

day service on bank holiday Tuesday. There will be a Sun-

day service on buses and Tubes

on the New Year Bank holiday Monday but last trains will rea

David Lashley was jailed at

the Central Criminal Court has night for 18 years for what was

described as a further out-rageous stack. Judge Gillis, (ic. was told that Mr Lashley

steruck again within months of being released on parole after serving only half of a 12-year

Mr Lashley, aged 38, of Beaconsfield Road, Southall, London, was convicted of twice

raping a woman, trying to strangle her, and slashing her

Attacker jailed

Tubes will operate

On Eoxing Day and Bank

British United Trawlers said vesterday that it is laying up its 15 Hull-based distant water sidefishing trawlers until the new year. Nearly 300 men will lose

their jobs.

The company said the Bear Island and Russian coast grounds are closed to them, and the quota in the Norwegian sector of the Barents Sea will be taken up in three or four days by vessels already there.

15 years for street killer

A man who shot a passer-by dead near Puddington station London, was jailed at the Central Criminal Court yester-

day for 15 years.
Anthony O'Mahoney, aged
25, a roofer, of Chalk Hill
Estate, Weathley, was found guilty of the manslaughter of Emmanuel Alombah, aged 22 student, on the night of February 24-25. He was acquitted £820,000 charge

Six men were charged yesterday with conspiracy to rob Brinks-Mat, the security company, of f820,000 at Heathrow sirport, London, in March. They will appear at Staines Magistrate Court today. dict of the manslaughter of Kenneth Green, aged 18. Sentence on Mr Liddle, who Strike delays trains A two-hour strike over Christmas working by guards at Justice Lawson until today.

The prosecution had alleged that Mr Liddle, of Stoke-onTrent, murdered Mr Green on Gillingham yesterday caused several trains used by Kent commuters to be cancelled and

others delayed

New reservoir Water began flowing yesterday into a new 189-acre reservoir between Ardingley and Balcombe, West Sussex. It is thought that the reservoir will be nearly full by next summer.

Seven hurt in crash

Seven people were injured when a single-deck bus left the A52 Nortingham to Derby road near Borrowash and plunged 30ft down an embankment yes-

Minister urges new Marshall Plan

Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, on Monday for the

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Rejecting by implication the socialist strategy for returning to full employment, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said last night that the Labour Party must look at present patterns of work and collaborate in "a new and more ambitious Mar. new and more ambitious Mar-shall Plan to lift our world out

of persistent recession.

She was speaking at Central Hall, Westminster, at a meeting of the Campaign for Labour

working people.
On memployment, Mrs Williams said that better social benefits had softened the im-pact a little but Labour must never forger the high psychological cost.

If this problem is to be

Victory.

Her speech will be regarded individual craftsmen and indias a reply to the call from Mr vidual skills can flourish.

be examined with a view to encouraging early retirement and phased working including two-thirds or even one-third party to transform society by shifting wealth and power to time, perhaps longer holidays and educational leave. "In the third world there is a crying need for a really large-scale programme of inter-mediate technology. It is time for a new and more ambitious Marshall Plan." She declared the European Economic Community controversy "a dead battle".

The EEC, she said was help-

many countries.

guilty of

ing to stabilize democracy in

Deserter found

killing PC's son

Ralph Liddle, aged 23, an

army deserter, was found not

guilty at Winchester Crown Court last night of murdering a policeman's son. But he was

found guilty by a majority ver-

swayed in the dock when the

not gully verdict was an-nounced was deferred by Mr

a country road in the New Forest after Mr Green had fol-

lowed two strangers from the village of Breamore, where his father was the village policeman, It was also alleged that Mr Liddle dumped Mr Green's

Mr Liddle dumped Mr Green's body in the Avon.

Mr Liddle told the jury that after his companion, a man named White, had taken a Volvo car at Woodgreen, he heard a thump and then found Mr Green's body in the road. He concluded Mr Green was dead, thinking he might have been hit by the stolen car.

resolved it is essential to secure not only capital-intensive sectors of employment but other areas also where smaller firms which

Leading role for Britain in European youth orchestra

By Martin Huckerby
Music Reporter
The composition of the first
European Community Youth
Orchestra was announced in
London yesterday. Britain takes
the largest single share of the
membership, 43 of the total of
135 musicians.
The original aim was to give
people aged between 14 and 20
at chance to work together as
Europeans, with 12 to 15 players Europeans, with 12 to 15 players from each of the nine EEC member states. But some countries did not organize national competitions to select their candidates, and in some cases there is little tradition of cases there is little tradition of youth orchestras. Thus, while France provides 20 players and Italy 15, Denmark has only six.

Britain, with a national com-petition organized with help from the BBC, attracted 800 applicants and provides nearly a third of the players. "The standard was umbelievably

Naafi makes £15.5m profit

ton for the Greater London Council and a recept borough council election, he said.

Mr Mikardo has warned the Home Secretary that unless action is taken against the Front condidates by January 31 he will refuse to submit a return of his expenses at the next election. The Nasi made a trading profit of £15.5m last year, half as much again as the previous year's, despite reductions in Service strength

sunny intervals; wind SW, light or moderate; max temp 9 to 11°C (48 to 52°F).

NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man; rather cloudy, perhaps a little rain occasionally; wind SW, moderate; max temp 9 or 10°C (48 to 50°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee; dry, rather cloudy, bright intervals; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

SW Scotland, Glasgow, ceptral

conduct an overtire at each concert. He was unable to attend the reception to announce the new orchestra yesterday because of the Commons debate on direct elections to the European Parliament. The orchestra will also perform in London, Aberdeen and Dublin, under Lorin Mazzel Duke of Kent for New Zealand

London Symphony Orchestra in 1979, and he has chosen Mahier's sixth symphony as the main work for a series of concerts to be given by the youth orchestra in European capitals next Easter.

president of the orchestra, will

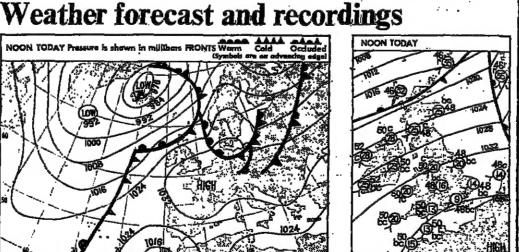
conduct an overture at each

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will make their first visit to New Zealand treat May, it was announced from York House yesterday.

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Strait of Dover: Wind W to SW,
light; sea slight.
English Channel (E): Wind
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St George's Channel: Wind
SW, moderate; sea slight.
Irish Sea: Wind SW, moderate,
perhaps strong in N later; sea
slight, becoming moderate in N.

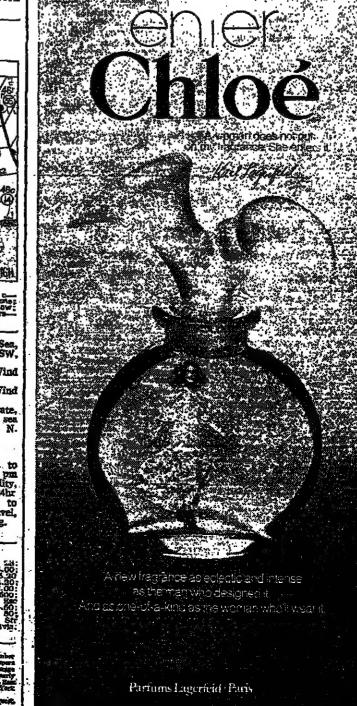
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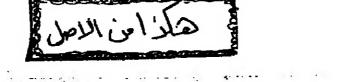
London: Temp: wax, 6 am to 6 pm, 11°C (52°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 87 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.04in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, vill. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1.032.4 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;



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The World Money Centre combines the former Dealing Rooms of International Money Desk and International Westminster Bank Ltd, London. Computerised display system which incorporates automatic calculation of deposit and exchange rates. Over 20 telephone lines direct to Dealing Room. Private Telecommunication lines with branches and subsidiaries in Bahrain, Brussels, Chicago, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, New York, Paris, San Prancisco, Singapore, Tokyo, Zurich.

Inquiry into Confait killing five years ago criticizes police breaches of Judges' Rules

Home Affairs Correspondent
The prolonged controversy
over the conduct of the police

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over the conduct of the police and the findings of the courts in the case of Maxwell Confait. the homosexual prostitute murdered at Catford, London, in 1972, took a surprising new twist yesterday with the report

of the Fisher inquiry.
The findings of the inquiry
by Sir Henry Fisher, President of Wolfson College, Oxford, and a former High Court judge, differ in important respects from those of both previous

tour those of both previous court hearings.

Three youths were freed by the Court of Appeal in 1975 after being convicted in 1972 ou charges arising out of Mr Confair's death and a fire at 27 Doggett Road, Catford, where his body was found by firemen.

Sir Henry finds that on the balance of probabilities the most likely explanation is that all three youths took part in the arson of which they were convicted by the trial court; that Ronald Leighton and Ahmet Salih were involved in the killing, in relation to which Mr Salih never stood trial; and that Colin Lattimore, who was

that Colin Lattimore, who was convicted of manslaughter by the trial court, was not involved in the killing.

The Court of Appeal, on a reference by the Home Secretary of the day, quashed the convictions of the three youths on the ground that their confessions were unreliable in the light of expert evidence and so were unsafe and unsatisfactory. Mr Lattimore (aged 18 at the time of Mr Confair's death) was acquitted of manslaughter betime of Mr Confair's death) was acquitted of manslaughter because of diminished responsibility; Mr Leighton (then aged 15) of murder; and Mr Salih (then aged 14) of arson.

The Court of Appeal decision is not affected by Sir Henry's findings. The courts have to be satisfied with the burden of proof beyond reasonable doubt.

In a parliamentary written

In a parliamentary written reply yesterday Mr Rees, Home Secretary, said: "Sir Henry makes it clear that in coming to these conclusions he was not bound by the verdict of the jury or the judgment of the Court of Appeal, that the arguments addressed to him were not in all respects the same as those

By Stewart Tendler
Mr Christopher Price, Labour
MP for Lewishau, West, who
campaigned for the three boys

Salih were involved in arson and the killing of Mr Maxwell Confait. In the report, Sir Henry says: "On the balance of probabilities, I find that this

what occurred". But Mr Pace, whose dogged

defence of the boys forced the inquiry, said he completely disagreed with those conclusions. He said he had been allowed

to hear the evidence put before Sir Henry, and the latter's deci-

sion did not tally with the evi-dence he had heard.

in many ways that he wished in many ways that he had not advised them to take part in the inquiry, which had produced a different verdict from two previous examinations of

the cases against them. Mr Price said: "Sir Henry

is talking about only the balance of probabilities. I know these

three boys and I know they are

innocent."

Not all the evidence had been before Sir Henry, Mr Price said. He had dismissed suggestions by psychiatrists from the Tavistock Institute about the way such boys would be affected by being in a police station in such circumstances.

station in such circumstances. It was possible in such circum-

stances to put anything into a boy's head and the boy would

on the other hand, Mr Price said he was pleased that the suggestions made by Sir Henry on the question of police inter-

Mr Price said that he wished

rejects guilt verdict

In his report Sir Henry criti-In his report Sir Henry criti-cizes the conduct of the police investigation, including the interviewing of the youths in the absence of their parents, and certain specific breaches of the Judges' Rules.

He rejects, however, other

allegations about the way in which the youths confessions were obtained and finds that allegations that the police had

assaulted them were untrue.

Sir Henry also suggests an amendment of the wording of the police caution to make its legal meaning plainer. The evidence he had heard suggested that persons to whom the cau-tion was addressed often did not understand that what they were being told was that they were under no obligation to answer questions put by the police and would not be harming their position in any way if they did not answer.

Sir Henry's report says that on April 24, 1972, during separate interviews with Detec-tive Chief Superintendent Alan Jones, who was in charge of the investigation, Colin Lartimore and Ronald Leighton confessed to having taken part in the killing of Mr Confait. Ahmet Saih confessed to having been pre-sent. All three boys confessed

to having taken part in the arson at 27 Doggett Road.

Later in the evening of April 24, and during the early hours of April 25, each of the boys repeated his confession in a written statement made in the presence of one of his parents, presence of one of his parents, and in the case of Salih in the presence also of an interpreter. Mr Lamimore's father and Mr Leighton's mother signed statements expressing satisfaction with the way in which the statements were about the statements and statements and statements are statements.

ments were taken.

"In their evidence at the trial all three boys alleged on oath that they had been physically assented by a police officer". Sir Henry's report says. "These allegations wer repeated in evidence before me by Saith and by Lattwora. I by Salih and by Lattimore. I find that the allegations were

untrue.

"I find that no police officer
deliberately falsified the record

rogations and the Judges' Rules were to be put to the Royal Commission on Criminal Pro-

out to the courts and that he of oral answers given by the had available to him a great three boys to questions. The deal of evidence which was not police officers tried to record as accurately as possible the questions and the answers given and the written state-

ments made by the boys. The records are substantially accur-ate in all relevant respects." Sir Henry finds that the fire at 27 Doggett Road was prob-ably started shortly before 1.10 am on April 22, 1972, and could not have been set alight before 12.45 am. He also finds that Mr Confait died not later than midnight, April 21.22, and probably died before 10.30 pm

"I accept the evidence that Lattimore was at the Salvation Army Torchbearers youth club from about 7.30 pm to about 11.30 pm. I find that he was not present at and did not take part in the killing of Confair. "I find that Leighton and Selih could have been present at and taken part in the killing of Confait and that all three boys could have taken part in setting fire to 27 Doggett Road. I find that the confessions could not have been made as they were unless at least one of the three boys had been involved in the killing of Confait and in the areas at 27

fait and in the arson at 27 Doggett Road." Doggett Road."

Sir Henry finds that there were the following breaches of the Judges' Rules and Home Office administrative directions: Mr Leighton, Mr Salih were interviewed by police officers without the presence of a parent or guardian or someone who was not a police officer, although it would have been practicable to delay the interviews until their mothers or some other person. would have been practicable to delay the interviews until their mothers or some other person who was not a police officer could be brought there.

When the three boys were taken into custody they were not informed orally of the rights and facilities awailable to them, namely to communicate by telephone with their solicitors or their friends and to consult privately a solicitor, provided that no unreasonable delay or hindrance was reasonably likely to be caused to the processes of investigation or to the administration of justice by their doing so. Nor was their attention drawn to the notice describing the rights and facilities available to them.

During the taking of a written statement from Mr Lattimore, he was prompted, and questions were asked which were not needed

Sir Henry says that some of the Judges Rules and directions do not seem to be known to police officers and members of the legal profession.

Steps should be taken to see that the rules and directions are known by ell police officers and members of the legal profes-

Sir Henry suggests that it should be made a rule of law that no person should be convicted on the evidence of a confession obtained in any of the following circumstances unless that evidence is supported by other evidence not obtained in any of such circumstances:

any of such circumstances:

A confession obtained, in response to questioning by the police, by means of a breach of the Judges' Rules or administrative directions, whether or not the effect of the breach was to make the confession "involuntary".

A confession made by a child or young person in response to questioning by the police without the presence of a person not a police officer.

A confession made by a mentally handicapped person (whether or not known to be so at the time) in response to questioning by the police without the presence of a perent, guardian or other person

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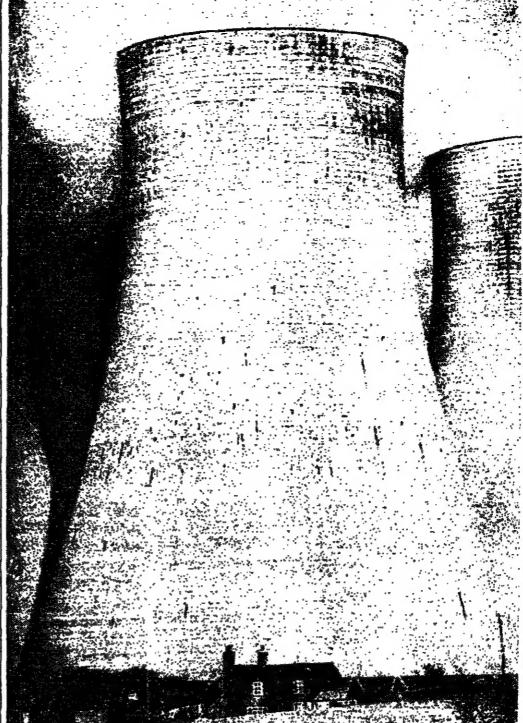
An oral confession made in a police station (whether the maker was in custody or not) of which a tape-recording is not available.

Mr Rees said yesterday that he and the Attorney General would arrange for Sir Henry's report to be laid before the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure for examination. The possible implementation of a possible implementation of a number of suggestions that did

number of suggestions that aid not raise matters of basic principle could be considered by the Government before the commission finished its work.

Sir Henry says in his report that the general observations he has made should be understood as referring solely in proceed. as referring solely to prosecu-tions conducted by the Director of Public Prosecutions in cases that are to be tried in a Crown

Report of an Inquiry by the Hon Sir Henry Fisher into the Circumstances Leading to the Trial of Three Persons on Charges Arising out of the Death of Maxwell Confair and the Fire at 27 Doggett Road, London, SE6 (Senionery Office; £3.60).



The face of power at Ratcliffe-on-Soar, Nottinghamshire, where the cooling towers put housing in the shade.

MP who advised boys by intellectual restlessness

Academic with Bench and board-room experience

campaigned for the three boys involved in the Confait case, said last night that, while he welcomed the general conclusions, he rejected Sir Henry Fisher's judgment on the guilt of the three boys.

Sir Henry has decided that Mr Colin Lattimore was involved in arson and that Mr Ronald Leighton and Mr Ahmet hastened as a result of Sir Salih were involved in arson and the killing of Mr Maxwell general that changes were made in the changes were made in changes were made in latting the changes were made in changes were made in latting the latting the changes involving young people and the mentally ill, some good would have come from the whole business.

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He hoped, for example, that the use of tape recorders during police interrogations are result of the property of the prop general that changes were on the way in several areas. The National Council for Civil Liberties also welcomed the general conclusions of the inquiry, and Miss Patricia Hewitt, its general secretary, said: "It is the most important report on criminal proceedings published this decade." shis decade."

She said the NCCL welcomed the recommendation that duty solicitors should be appointed to ensure that suspects at police stations have access to legal advice. The council also welcomes the suspect of the council also welcomes the suspect of the council also welcomes.

come the recommendation that no conviction should be possible on the basis of an uncorrobor-ated confession obtained in breach of the Judges' Rules or made by a young or mentally handicapped person unaccompanied by a parent.

Miss Hewitt said the council regretted that Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, had decided to delay implementation of most of Sir Henry's recommendations until the royal commission had finished its second

finished its work.

The commission would have to examine the wider implica-tions, such as whether Britain should adopt the French system of investigating magistrates to supervise the initial police inquiries. But the detailed recommendations on the Judges' Rules and the conduct of prosecutions should be implemented immedi-

Man in the news: Defector driven

By Marcel Berlins
The legal establishment has
never completely forgiven Sir
Henry Fisher for having left the
secure and cosseted world of
the judiciary for the brasher
commercial pastures of the

commercial pastures of the City.

He did so, moreover, at a time when his prospects as a judge looked extremely rosy. He was appointed to the High Court in 1968 at the early age of 49, and there is little doubt that barring accidents, he would have become a judge in the Court of Appeal. He could, in all probability, have achieved even higher judicial eminence.

Sir Henry resigned from the even higher judicial eminence. Sir Henry resigned from the Bench in 1970, after only two and a half years' service, and joined the board of Schroder Wagg, the merchant bankers, with whom he stayed until in 1975, be became President of Wolfson College, Oxford, in succession to Sir Isaiah Berlin. To most of his legal col-To most of his legal col-leagues the defection was in-explicable. Those who knew him better, however, saw it as consistent with an intellectual consistent with an intellectual restlessness that constantly sought new challenges. His friends say that he left the Bench not so much for the money (although he probably more than doubled his pretax judicial salary) but because he became bored with much of the routine and unstimulating work he had to do as a judge.

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he had to do as a judge.

Before his conversion Sir
Henry had had an archetypaily
brilliant career, destined to
take him to the top of his profession. The eldest son of Lord
Fisher of Lambeth the former Archbishop of Canterbury, he was a distinguished classical scholar at Oxford (and later fellow of All Souls) served in the war and was called to the

By Our Agricultural Correspondent
A minister appealed to A minister appealed to butchers yesterday to improve price displays for Christmas. Mr Robert MacLennan, Under-Secretary of State, Prices and Consumer Protection, pointed out that butchers would have to show prices a pound by March next year and appealed to those who had not yet made their permanent plans to contheir permanent plans to con-sider making arrangements to

display plea

to butchers

ver the Christmas period. Officials at the Department of Prices and Consumer Protec-tion have reported that most butchers are not yet quoting allowed a minority of parents action to remedy shortages of Palmer.

prices a pound for all cuts to ride roughshod over the school books and equipment. The hearing continues rodgy.

Better price | Call to restrict choice of school by parents majority in a blatantly unfair

From Diana Geddes

Way.

Education Correspondent
Wolverhampton

The right of parents to have their children educated according to their wishes, should be rumour, hearsay and political

understanding and disappoint-ment over choice of school

ing to their wishes should be restricted, the metropolitan education authorities of England and Wales decided at their conference, at Wolverhampton, yesterday.

By 22 votes to 11 they voted to call on the Government to amend the Education Act, 1944, so as to avoid parental misunderstanding and disappoint.

understanding and disappoint. Shortage of books: The ment over choice of school. National Union of Teachers A representative from Hilling urged the Secretary of State don, London, said the law for Education yesterday to take

drives oil divers to quit North Sea By Craig Seton

Tax ruling

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The North Sea Divers Action Group yesterday started a cam-paign to reverse a Treasury decision to end their self-employed status. They say it has drastically cut their income and, because it is driving ex-perienced divers abroad, is slowing oil production.

At a press conference in London it was stated that up to 250 of the 1,400 divers had decided to leave for more lucrative work abroad. The ruling that tax must be paid through PAYE might induce 700 more season resumes in April.

The Treasury said that the were employed by contractors and should have been paying PAYE. They could appeal against the decision.

against the decision.

But Mr Neil Henderson, chairman of the action group, said divers were losing up to half their income, compared with a quarter as self-employed people, from earnings of between £6,000 and £12,000 a year. They had also lost the right to write off against tax the cost. to write off against tax the cost of travelling, which might be up to £1,000 a year, clothing, and equipment, The Treasury's decision was an incredible blunder, he said.

"We are not going to black mail anyone. We have no need to; as free agents supplying our services for a fee the divers have the choice of many fields throughout the world. All are much easier to work in and none involves the unjust financial penalties imposed

Artist faces plot and deceit charges

Tom Keating, aged 60, the artist, and Liouel Evans, an actique dealer, appeared at Wells Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday on charges relating to the sale of works by Mr Keating as those of earlier and better-known artists. Mr Keating, of Lower Park, Dedham, Essex, faces one charge of conspiracy and three of obtaining \$1,125 by deception jointly with Mr Evans, aged 46, and five charges of making false representations.

Mr Evans, address was green as East Berghok, Suffork.

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The conspiracy charge concerns the false representation of four paintings as the gamnine works of Samuel Palmer, and the joint deception counts relate to another "Palmer", a drawing dated 1825 presented as a genuine Constable, and au oil painting dated 1862 as the work of Cornelius Krieghoff.

The five false representation counts against Mr Keating alone counts against Mr Keating alone counts for the procurement of cheques for £399, £8,667, £3,750; also procuring a letter author-

also procuring a letter authorizing the transfer of £3,600 to Miss Jane Kelly; and procuring a further cheque for £4,000. all relating to paintings represen-ted as the work of Samuel

Losses threaten 'bread factories' of Britain's largest companies

Bakeries face biggest crisis of the 1970s

By Hugh Clayton
Fewer than 80 loaves are being sold where 100 were sold a year ago and many of them are being baked at a loss. The bread companies, one of the most widely derided sections of the food processing industry, face the most serious of their many crises of the 1970s.

They expect consumption to drop by about a fiftieth every 12 months, but this year it has fallen much more. They attribute much of the extra drop to the September strike by bakery workers in which small independent bread shops were able to maintain supplies. Bakery-workers are voting on further strike action about a wage

Despite the growing popularity of crusty and wholewheat loaves baked behind small shops, the loaf is primarily a grocery sold among other competitive lines in supermarkets. More than half the loaves sold are white, sliced, wrapped, and held accursed by many lovers of traditional bread. Most loaves are made in what the industry calls "plant" bakeries, in which the latest technology is used to cut costs and reduce definition of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in a report about bread last summer: "Plant bakers produce bread in bread factorie

Britain has fewer than 50 "plant" baking companies and between 5,000 and 5,500 independent "master" bakers. But most bread is produced by

But most bread is produced by only three companies.

Ranks Hovis McDougall, which sells Mother's Pride, supplies slightly more than a fifth of the market. Associated British Foods, which makes Sunblest, has a similar share and Spillers, which bakes Wonderloaf, produces about a sixth of British bread. Those three companies therefore prothree companies therefore pro-duce almost three fifths of the nation's bread and other "plant" bakers produce more than a tenth.

The three are among Britain's largest food processing groups, with interests in animal feeds, with interests in animal reeds, tinned groceries, supermarkets, biscuits and flour. The produce most of the country's flour and make far more money on that than on bread.

They lost money on bread during most of 1974, reached a profir of almost 1p a loaf in 1975 and only a fiftieth of a penny last year. They have made losses on bread for most,

BREAD CONSUMPTION (oz/person/week. 1974 1975 1976 1977 29.9 27.9 27.0 26.8 .2.3 3.3 3.6 3.7

Brown* *Includes wholemeel and wholewheal Source: National Food Survey

if not all, of 1977. They have been subjected to more govern-ment intervention in subsidies. investigations and price controls than much of the private sector. Early this year the Govern-ment ended controls on the size

of discounts bread companies were allowed to offer supermarket chains in the struggle for shares of a shrinking market. Within a week of that, two-thirds of urban supermarkets was relling based. markets were selling bread at 3p or more below the legal limit. The United Road Trans-

outlets. A third of consumer spending on food is now esti-mated to go to six supermarker

chains.

Bakers complain that grocers make a high profit from bread while they make losses. Five years ago a survey showed that wrapped bread and packaged cake accounted for 14 per cent of gross profit, using only 7 per cent of shelf space.

The combination of falling consumption.

The combination of falling consumption, fierce competition and the inability to recover increased costs suggests that 1978 may see bakery closures on a greater scale than before. Since September, Hawley's of Birmingham, one of the largest plant "bakeries outside the big three", has closed.

The rise in home baking and the change to brown bread al-

the change to brown bread, al-though limited, have proved permanent and growing.

Even EEC farm policy affects
the bread industry. Community.
levies on the hard North American wheat needed to give loaves
the right texture are estimated
to add almost 1p to the cost of limit. The United Read Transport Union, which represents wan drivers, wants a new discount control to prevent bread companies from pushing one another out of business by selling bread to supermarkets at a loss.

Deven the bread industry. Community the bread industry.

of the United Kingdom, com-mented: "Real bread can bemade from home-grown grists.
as we are always ready to
prove."

to settle the cases of 85 thalido-tilers settlement.

"The first requirement is for the youngsters to be fully assessed by a medical panel", Mr Ashley wrote in his letter. "But I hope you will agree that there are cases where the benefit of any doubt should be given to the family."

In many cases medical records might be unavailable or incom-plete, but that should not veto payments where there were clear indications that the damage was attributable to thalido-

hope that the family will not be forced to go to a court of law, but that a satisfactory settlement can be reached between them and the company."

Mr Ashley is also to put questions in Parliament to Mr.

Pharmaceutical Services Nego tiating Committee, as only a palliative. He said that the attitude of

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State, for Social Services, towards the underfunding of the pharmscentical service." was totally unsatisfactory and added that his committee would put the. case for a better arrangement again to Mr Ennals.

The robbing Peter to pay Paul scheme announced on

Monday was intended to help small pharmacies, which close at the rate of 250 a year. The Government is to committude

Father opposed to caming loses appeal

A father's belief that corporal punishment was "cruel, unnecessary and detrimental to a child's development" was no excuse for his refusal to return his son, aged 14, to school to be caned for indiscipline. Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce said in the High Court yesterday.

"Although the father may regard the grounds of his refusal to send his son back to not grounds that entitle a father, under the Education Act, 1944, to keep his child away from school", the judge said.

Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, and Mr Justice Park, agreed that the father's appeal against his conviction by magistrates at Croydon of failing to send his son regularly to school between certain dates last year should be dismissed.

The boy will not have to return to the school to be caned. He is now at a school where there is no caning.

Correction

Mr Charles Lewis defended Maurice Beech Brown, a lorry driver found not guilty at the Central Criminal Court last Wednesday of manalanguter and lack of care. Mr Neil Denison appeared for the prosecution.

Environmental cancers that elude detection

By a Staff Reporter Methods of recording the incidence of cancer do not show up the emergence of new can-Sir Richard Doll, Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford University, told the Royal Society in London yesterday.

"Any cancer produced by new environmental agents that was not also produced by other causes in the past would not appear in the records, as it would not have been coded sep-arately", he said.

If cancer registries were to monitor the appearance of new diseases, they would need an extremely detailed coding sys-tem, capable of picking out, for example, liver cancers attriburable to industrial exposure to vinyl chloride. One of 14 cases recorded

since 1960 of angiosarcomas of the liver occurred in a man who had been a process worker in PVC manufacture. Another victim had lived within half a mile of the same factory.

Such cases came to light when suspicions raised by clincians, pathologists and toxicologists were investigated. Sir Richard, speaking on longterm hazards from man-made chemicals in the environment,

said mortality in children had decreased by 90 per cent since

1931, in middle-aged women by 42 per cent and in middle-aged men by 23 per cent.

Several causes of death, or rather diagnoses of the causes of death, had become commoner, outstanding examples being lung cancer and ischaemic heart disease. Cancer and heart disease now caused two thirds of mortality in the middle-aged. A decrease had been re-

corded in the rate of death from 16 types of cancer, including cancer of the lip, tongue and mouth, mostly because of improved treatment, more precise diagnosis or changes in per-sonal behaviour. Only the decrease in stomach cancer was totally unexplained.

There was an increase, however, in 13 other types. The increases in cancer of the pharnyx and lung in women and of the ocsophagus in both sexes could be attributed to the increased consumption of alco-hol and cigarettes; the increase in breast cancer in women might be due to a reduction in fertility or an increased con-sumption of meat and fat.

Dr Herbert Cole, former director of marine research at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, speaking on sea pollution said sewage was more serious than oil pollu-

. Manpower shortages are

Police forces at

crisis level

Sir Henry Fisher: Academic

Bar in 1947, taking silk in 1960. He participated fully in Bar activities

Fortunately, his involvement with the City did not mean a complete break with judicial and legal matters. In 1973 he chaired the committee of inquiry

into shoses of the social security

system, and he was also on the City committee on company law.

His lengthy and detailed report on the Confait case testifies to the amount of work

he pur into the inquiry for the better part of the past two years. A barrister who took part in it expressed his sorrow that Sir Henry's judicial talents were

no longer available on a ful-time basis, but it is clear that he himself has few regrets

about leaving the Bench. The law courts' loss has been to the

considerable gain, first, of the City and now, of the world of

judge, banker.

making the daily job of the police increasingly difficult and dangerous, Mr David McNee, the Metropolitan Police Com-missioner, suid yesterday.

More cash urged for study MP presses cases of 85 of rheumatic diseases

By John Roper Health Services

the £2m to £3m provided annually for research into arthritis and rheumatism more than half by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Countil, is foolish penny-pinching. Dr. Colin Barnes, chairman of the countils executive committee ways.

cil's executive committee says in a booklet. Research provides informa-tion useful for diagnosis and treatment of about two hundred conditions, but is being done on a very limited budger, he says. The impetus can be main-tained only by providing more money ... inflation means that the

council can no longer expend its activities, he continues. Apart from the pain and suffering of victims, the diseases result in a loss of 44 million working chys a year, costing £420m in lost productivity and £260m in lost wages. Each year

£85m is paid out in social security and £60m in income

Examples of promising progress include work at the Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, west London, which, in the past six months, has discovered that crystals in the joints are a contributory factor in ostcoarthrosis, one of the commonest conditions. That challenges the idea that the disease should be labelled degenerative and an inevitable result of aging.

It has also been learnt that in ankylosing spondylitis thereis a "maker" identifying
people liable to get the condition. Armed with that knowledge, researchers are trying to find out what initiates the con-dition, the answer to which might lead, in the near future, to prevention.

thalidomide children Immediate action is needed pensated under the £20m Dis-

mide children still outstanding, Mr Jack Ashley, the Labour MP who campaigned for the original settlement for thalidomide children, said yesterday. He was deeply disturbed to hear that those children, on what is known as the Y list, face adolescence without their cases being settled.

In a letter to Mr Robin Cater, chairman of the Distillers Com-pany, which marketed thatido-mide in Britain; Mr Ashlev besasked for an urgent meeting. He wrote that the Y children, now in their teens, "face a life-time of poverty unless some-thing is done, and I am writing

to urge you to take immediate action." The Y hist consists of children whose claims that the damage they suffered was through thandomide are not as strong as those of children on the X list, who have been com-Enough Secretary of Stree for Social Services, asking him to make representation to Distillers about the children.

Prescription fee changes only "a palliative"

A plan to pay small pharma-A plan to pay small pharma-cies more for dispensing National Health Service pre-scriptions, reducing by a cor-responding amount the sum-paid to larger businesses, was described yesterday by Mr Robert Worby, chairman of the

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| Farming of

profitable

may become

By Our Parliamentary Staff
Farming of sea fish is well
on the way to commercial via-

bility, and tests have shown that housewives find it difficult to pick farmed fish from the wild ones.

The trade and industry sub-

committee of the House of Commons Expenditures Com-

mittee heard that from wit-nesses yesterday when members

turned to marine fish farming

in their investigation of the fishing industry, now entering

its second year.

Mr Norman Kerr, chief technical officer of the White Fish Authority, said the authority was convinced that the farming of sea fish on a commercial scale was likely to be an economic proposition and desirable for the country.

It was not economic at present, but a costing exercise showed that it could be conducted at a price less than the sale price of wild cod and similar species. In the past two years progress had been made with sole and nurbot.

Mr Tim Cracknell, chairman

Mr Tim Cracknell, chairman of the National Farmers Union

of the National Farmers Union fish farming committee, said his company, British Oxygen, was increasing its investment in marine species.

Mr Eric Elston, chairman of the fish farming committee of the Fisheries Research and Development Board, agreed with Mr Kerr that a minimum investment figure for a sea fish

investment figure for a sea fish farm operation would be about £500,000 to £600,000. "This is

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for British Library

By a Staff Reporter Lord Eccles, chairman of the board of the British Library, said yesterday that he hoped for government approval in the coming year to build a new home for the library in Euston-Road, London.

Ministers concerned were convinced of the need, he said, but difficulties were caused by the economy. Nevertheless he believed permission would be given before the end of 1978. Detailed plans for the new building, on the site of a dis-

used railway yard, are being prepared. At present the library is hampered by severe shortage of space.

That is emphasized by the annual report, published yesterday. In 1975-77 the reference division acquired two million items, including 105,000 books, as well as music scores mans ns well as music scores, maps, official publications, manuscripts and newspapers.

Among the manuscript acqui-

Among the manuscript acquisitions were significent papers of Lord Liverpool, Sir Robert Peel and Lord Palmerston, and important material relating to George Eliot, George Gissing, George Bernari Shaw and Arnold Bennett.

Arnold Bennett.

The number of British requests received by the lending division was 2.540,000 kest year, a 7 per cent increase over the previous year, but there was a much greater expansion in the use of the overseas service: 377,000 requests were received from 98 countrier, a 26 per cent increase.

Dr Keith Barr, executive director of the lending division, said United Kingdom demand was near saturation; most libra-ries used the service and financial constraints precluded any great increase in the number of requests that could be

The overseas service makes a small profit, and the library has been actively promoting it.

The Bridsh Library, Fourth Annual Report 1976-77 (British Library, Press and Public Relaxions Section, Store Street, London, WCIE 7DG; free). A public inquiry under the Police Act was not justified in the case of Mr Liddle Towers, aged 39, an electrician and amateur boxing coach, who died after alleged police violence, Dr Shirley Summerskill, Under-Secretary, Home Office, said in an adjournment debate in the Commons vesterday.

Dysentery at school

Sixteen pupils have dysentery at Seacroft Grange Primery School, Leeds, and 42 other cases are being investigated. The school, with 350 pupils, is being closed until after Christmas.

Optimism on Early action promised new home on inner-city decay. on inner-city decay

From Our Correspondent
Birmingham
Early action to breathe life
into the decaying inner areas
of some of Britain's cities was groundwork while the innerarea programme was prepared. Over three years to 1982, £30m had been set aside for the city's

or state of brauers cases was promised yesterday by Mr Free-son, Minister for Housing and Construction. He was chairman at the first of several inner-city The minister said a range of interested bodies would be coninterested bodies would be con-sulted. A policy document would go out from the initial meeting and at the next meet-ing, in February, he hoped there would be a full discussion on how community involvement could be organized. Meetings would be kept to the smallest number of people necessary to do the work. partnership committee meetings in Birmingham, one of seven cities involved in governmentbacked plans to reverse urban decline. Similar meetings have already been held in four other

necessary to do the work. There has to be a job of work the urban programme for next year, which would lay the

£40m EEC scheme for better Irish border links

A £40m programme to improve road and telephone links between Ulster and the north-west of the Irish Republic is outlined in a report published yesterday.

had been allocated £2.5m under

It recommends a new £14m bridge across the Foyle in Londonderry and an airport near Londonderry to link with

The report has been drawn up by consultants appointed under EEC auspices by the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland governments. Finance for carrying out the proposals will be shared equally by the EEC and the two govern-

Call for inquiry

under Police

Act is rejected

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Londonderry and district in Northern Ireland, and the north and east of co Donegal in the republic. The report sug-gests a further programme of improvements after the

The unemployment level on both sides of the border is 17

"It is the entry of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland into the EEC in 1973

per cent and there is a high rate of emigration. The report says: "The job of promoting the region to industrialists and tourists had been made unenvi-able and almost impossible."

that has opened up new oppor-tunities for a coordinated approach to regional planning in north-west Ireland."

Man loses claim to share in ex-mistress's house

father of 12 children, has no legal rights in the £24,000 house he shared with his former mistress for 16 years, Mr Justice Fox decided in the High Court yesterday.

When they built the house at Lakeside, Portway Drive, Croughton, near Brackley, Northamptonshire, Mr Nightin-Commons yesterday Mr Giles Radice, Labour MP gale agreed that it should be in the name of his mistress, for Chester-le-Stret, said Mr Towers was allegedly assaulted Mrs Denise Nightingale, aged
39, a teacher, the judge said.
He could not go back on that.
Mr Nightingale, of Kings after his arrest on January 15, 1976, in his constituency. He died on February 9, 1976, in hospital

Love towards the

Mr Rex Nightingale, aged 62, Sutton, Banbury, said: "I still sther of 12 children, has no love her. I think there is every chance we might get together again if her mother moves away." He said his mistress and her mother, a Jehovah's Witness, had conspired to get him out of the house.

Man dead in flat

Mr Hiddo Mulder, aged 73, was found dead in a flat at Ilford, London, yesterday. woman aged 65, believed to be suffering from a drug overdose

The Moon cult, 3: Training manual's advice about parents

Men with short hair and well scrubbed faces

course before marriage, inter-

course with a "sister" or
"brother," within the movement is an unforgivable sin.
Men and women in the cult
are "married," or blessed by
Mr Moon, usually large numbers of couples at a time and
after they have been members
of the movement for about of the movement for about three years. The cult teaches: "Husband and wife must feel stronger love towards the Lord (Moon) than between them-

The number seven is symbolic, according to Mr Moon, who is something of a numerologist. "Married couples must abstain from the marriage relariouship for at least seven months. There are those in Korea who have been abstaining for over seven years and live as sister and brother.

"Those whom God loves just captur continue their married." cannot continue their married life. God strikes at their bodies

and they cannor continue."

The teaching of the Unifica-

The teaching of the Unification Church is a sort of
evangelical cocktail, with an
ingredient of what many would
regard as sheer hunacy.

James Björnstad, in his book,
The Moon is not the Son,
describes it thus: "Start with
u well seasoned Taoist philosophy, add plenty of Christian
words and observes words and phrases and even some Bible verses, and stir briskly until they blend to-

"Now add a bir of spiritism, not too much mysticism, a pinch of numerology, a dab of physics and a dash of anti-communism; nix it all together using a korean Messiah until it blends, and you have the recipe for one of the new religious movements. of the new religious movements, the Unification Church founded by the Rev Sun Myung Moon."

The self-styled Messiah was born to a Presbyterian family in 1920 in the Pungan Buk-do province of what is now North Korea, Afrac the Speed World Korea. After the Second World War he became involved in an underground Pentecostal movement of an extreme nature in Pyong Yang.

That group believed Korea was the new Jerusalem of the Lible and that the Messiah would be born in Korea. Those elements are to be found in Mr Moon's Devine Principle.

Moon's Devine Frinciple.

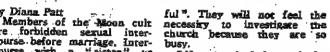
Moon teaches that Adam and
Eve were placed in the Garden
of Eden to marry and produce
perfect children free of sin. But
Eve committed fornication with Lucifer, causing the spiritual fall of mankind.

Whereas Christianity teaches that Jesus will return to Earth, Moon reaches that a Messiah, a man, will return as the Lord of the Second Advent. A new age dawned in 1960,

die year that Mr Moon married. his new wife. The Lord of the Second Advent and his new wife became the true parents of Second Advent and his new wife became the true parents of mackind. It is that teaching above all that makes this religious cocktail so explosive. Parents who attack the Unification Church are called "Satante". The top secret 120-day training manual instructs members to have contact with purents "before they start to investigate the UC", so that they "feel peaceful and joy
Mrs Alison Farrow, of Tedbourn, has a son, Nicholas, aged 22, who has a travelled widely with the Moonies. He was in Plymouth the members of the unification Church are called sect and relephaned his mother to say he had found "a fantastic Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.

Mrs Farrow said: "I went to lunch with the Plymouth group and nice. I did not see him for the publishing the third of its articles about which Mr Orme contact with pure the unification of World Christianity.

Mrs Farrow said: "I went to lunch with the Plymouth group and nice. I did not see him for the Unification of the Unification of



"Next method is to invite parents to your tidy centre... Maybe singing songs and smiling can create a warm

The training manual has explicit instructions on how to react when a mother cries.
"When he called his mother she cried. He came back to the centre and said I cannot move

centre and said I cannot move in. He could not deny the Messiah, but he could not move in because of his parents.

"I waited for a while until he became colm and I talked this way. 'Let us think what is true love. What is true love towards parents, to move in or quit Unification Church. If you quit the UC and resume school, then your parents will be happy? But h: w long can they be happy?

"If it is true that the Messiah

" If it is true that the Messian is here and that his mission will surely be successful, then in several years the UC movement

several years the UC movement will cover America and all over the world. Sooner or later your parents will understand what the UC is. Then how will they feel if they stopped you from joining? They will regret it.' Members who go pioneer witnessing are recommended to use Holy Salt to separate them from Satan. "We sanctify or Holy Salt the new room, the new house, food, clothing, cars, bicycles, everything so we can offer them before God."

Then follow explicit instruc-

Then follow explicit instruc-tions for making salt holy, with the direction that plain salt is better than iodized. Members are also taught that " heavenly allowed. deception '

But there is a lighter side to the Moon cult, which I witnes-sed when I went to Cleeve House, Seend, near Devizes, one of the Unification Church's residential centres, I went as an uninvited guest, posing as a friend of Mrs Diana Jones, of Okehampton, Devon, who has been campaigning for four years to get her daughter, Karen Seid, away from the cult. The atmosphere at Cleeve House is like that of a hearty boarding school. The meals, thin slices of pork pie, rissoles and Camp Coffee, added to the illusions.

For the most part the young men have short back and sides haircuts and well scrubbed faces; the girls wear little or no make-up. They all smile, rather wide, set smiles, but the friendly overtures seem genuine and there is a gut feeling. uine and there is a gut feeling of good will and sincerity. There are sougs with guitar accompaniment before meals. I met two mothers who were con-

members of the church.

Mrs. Alison Farrow, of Ted-

Mrs Diana Jones, however, has seen only the dark side of the Moon sect. Her daughter. tent to have their children

leader of the Unincation Courted in Britain and director of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.

a British-registered charity, attempted in the High Court yesterday to prevent The Times from publishing the third of its articles

cussion group at Cleeve House, Seend, to ask: Why is it indoctrination which aliena members from their homes, families, studies and entire pre-vious way of life?"

She went on to say that the conflict between the teaching of the Unification Church and Karen Seid's normal way of life had resulted in her daughter's having a severe emotional breakdown. "My daughter was continually under pressure from a sirl in the same form at school while studying for A levels before university entrance", she said.

Mrs Jones has a thick file of letters to show how she has bombarded the Home Office, the Charity Commissioners and the local police about the Unification Church.

The Times has evidence from parents and disaffected members of the Moon sect that Karen Seid's case is repeated. two years (when he was in Europe singing with the UC choir) but he still has his sense with slight variations, over and over again.

choir) but he still has his sense of humour. Being dedicated does not seem to have knocked it out of him. I wrote to him wherever he was."

Mrs Mary Barlow, of Streatham, London, had two children who are members of the Unification Church and have married within it. They are Richard, aged 30, and Nicola, aged 28. Over again.

Dr James Beckford, who is a lecturer in sociology at Durham University and has made a study of the Moonies and other fringe religions, wrote in Psychology Today (August, 1976):

"The typical recruit in this country is aged between 18 and 23, has completed at least a sixth-form course, comes from middle or lower-middle class background and has always had a respect for religion. aged 28. She says: "They all work for everyone. They are working for a small seed and a small start. It is sacrificial. What they earn

they out back into things they can all share, which is what the world does not do. The church A respect for religion.

A few of the earliest recruits here had dabbled in drugtaking and other aspects of the is small here, and new. The members are keen to create yourh culture. But nowadays it is unlikely that recruits will have shown any prior inclination to non-comformist and eventually behaviour.

"I do not think they are brainwashed. They leave for different reasons. Some join idealitically and then get bored. behaviour.

"On the other hand, it is common for young people who are having difficulties with their studies or who are finding it hard to adjust to life away from home for the first time to be easily caught up in Moon's recruiting net. They often respond eagerly to the offers of friendship and food at a family centre. Their defences may "Nor are the members pressurized. Some people feel their children should be headed for a profession, but parents should not stand in the way of should not stand in the way of what their children want."

Mr and Mrs Rees, of Oxford, have a daughter, Veronica, aged 26, who is a Moonie. Mrs Rees said: "My fears are rather nameless. You get this feeling of unease. The members think they are working for God, but I think they are slaves. centre. Their defences may lack the resilience of people with a clearer sense of selfidentity.

He adds: ". virtually forbidden to remain in slaves.

"In the beginning we were terribly upset and ill. We were not allowed in the centres. Gradually I have built up their touch with their families and are taught to regard relatives who do try to remove them from the sect as "Satanic". Relations with the families are usually severed completely.

confidence, but they are wary "The situation is occasionally persuaded to consign all his or the Moon sect. Her daughter, Karen Seid, now 21, was still at school when a Moon member persuaded her to join the church. Some families have lost both persons and property to the Unification Church."

Lawyers for Mr Dennis Orme, on the Unification Church, or leader of the Unification Church Moon cult.

Counsel for Mr Orme decided

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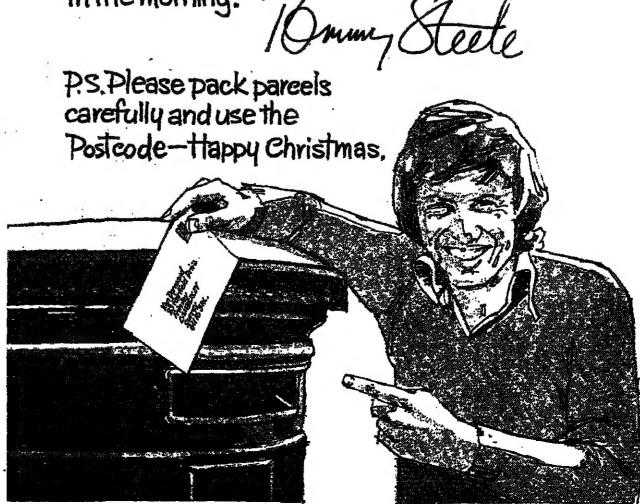
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Dear Times reader

The last posting dates for Christmas mail are:

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but it would help the postman if you could post before these dates if possible. And if you've anything large to post on December 17, or need stamps, please call at the Post Office in the morning.



Royal Mail

From David Wood

Strasbourg, Dec 13
Asserting its co-equal power over the EEC budget for 1978, the European Parhament today threatened to precipitate a politica lcrisis on Thursday by refusing to accept budget cuts particularly in the regional fund.

Both the regional committee and the budget committee of he Parliament have taken a tand agaoinst the cuts. There are to be discussions between parliamentarians and the Council of Ministers in the hope that a compromise can be

If the Parliament were to reject the budget, the 1977 udget would apply in 1978, nd one twelfth of the total am would be paid out month by mooth during the year. That has never happened

British MPs and Mr Tugend-uat, the British Commissioner for the Budget, are the leading figures in the dispute. Mr Tugendhat, in his first year as a commissioner, enlisted Par-iament's support to resist cuts by the Council of Ministers earlier in the year, but he is now urging caution.

The regional committee, led by Mr John Evans, Labour MP

for Newton, voted unanimously to resist the Council cuts. The budget committee, with Mr Michael Shaw, Conservative MP for Scarborough, as rap-porteur, overwhelmingly supported the regional committee mainly because the Council was thought to be too patroniz-ing in its dealings with Parlia-

Council, Eyskens, its Belgian president, said that if the cuts were not accepted by Parliament there was a risk of a serious conflict. was a risk of a serious conflict.
No budget would be approved
before 1978 began, and all
Community policies, in the
year of direct elections, would
become impossible, damaging
the credibility of both Council
and parliament and parliament.

Mr Tugendhat, urging a com-promise in the next two days, said that budget processes had reached a stage where politics took over from economics.

The episode indicases a growing spirit of political militancy within the Parliament, but a compromise looks probable.
Parliamentary report, page 8.

Madrid bomb in protest at Tenerife death From Harry Debelius Madrid, Dec 13

The Anglo-Norwegian com-pany Townsead Thoresen agreed today after a round of talks with the unions, not to send any more ships into Le Havre while the strika con-tinued. Their ferry Viking IV was unable to unload at the Canary Islands separatists ex-ploded a bomb in Madrid today as demonstrators took to the streets in protest against the death of a student shot when police opened fire yesterday island of Tenerife.

Riot police units arrived in

the Canary Islands today to re-inforce detachments of the security police and the civil guard. In Santa Cruz, the security poince and the civil guard. In Santa Cruz, the island's capital, and other towns in Tenerife police guarded gov-erament offices, newspapers and other key points. During the tense night that followed the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a

civil guard parrol car and a post near Santa Cruz. The victim was Javier Fern-indez Quesada, a psychology student who was 22. His parents arrived in Tenerife today and

arrived in Tenerife today and were expected to accompany their son's body home to Las Palmas on the neighbouring island of Gran Canaria.

The Madrid bomb caused damage at a travel agency. According to the police only one of the seven sticks of explosives it contained went off. In telephone calls to newspapers and news agencies the movement for the Autonomy and Independence of the Canary Islands claimed respon-Canary Islands claimed respon-sibility. The caller identified himself as Antonio Cubillo, the movement's leader.



Entente at the joint press conference: Mr Callaghan and M Giscard d'Estaing flanked by Mr Healey and M Barre.

dered whether the Communist Party was not the victim of a "resurgence of Stalinist spirit". It wanted to obtain so much that it would have nothing in

Not to be outdone, M Georges Marchais, the Communist leader, said that M Mitterrand

had lost his selfcontrol. "This is frequent with him on the eve of decisive events." There was

only one key to victory at the polls, that held by the people. What the Socialist Party pro-posed was not a socialist society,

but social democratic crisis

management at the expense of the workers, and for the benefit

"It is Georges Marchais who

M Roland Leroy, the editor

lacks self control", M Mitter-

organ, L'Humanité, and secre-tary of the central committee of the Communist Party, said today

that " not only can contacts be resumed immediately with the

Socialist Party, but an agree-ment can be concluded at any

moment. It need only return to its undertakings of 1972, and consequently accept the up-dating of the common pro-gramme as we have proposed.

But the truest word came from M Etienne Fajon, the veteran Communist leader. "Union is not an idyll but a

struggle , he wrote in the weekly Caluers du Communisme.

anics as Joseph Donaghy and Stephen Darnell.—Reuter.

William Chislett writes from Madrid: The authorities had been notified that Mr Williams was missing when he failed to make contact with Burgos after taking off from Cuatro Vientos,

a small airport west of Madrid, at about 9 am on Sunday.

The helicopter search was hampered by poor visibility and

American Air Force aircraft from West Germany searched the northern coastline while the Spanish authorities concen-

trated on the provinces of Burgos, Avils and Segovia. The Heinkel belonged to the Spanish Air Force and was be-

lieved to have been one of those given to General Franco by Hitler during the civil war. Mr Williams was to have flown it to Hurn near Bournemouth

of big capital.

rand retorted.

Bonn defence adviser suspended in spy inquiry | 'Du' judged

Herr Georg Leber, the West German Defence Minister, opened disciplinary investiga-tions against one of his chief advisers today as a result of the disclosure that vital military secrets had been passed, allegedly by ministry employees, to East Germany.

The adviser, Dr Herbert Laabs, head of the ministry's personnel and welfare department, requested the investiga-tion himself. He has been suspended while it is carried out.

The contents of more than 1,000 top secret documents are believed to have been betrayed, believed to have been betrayed, including full details about the state and structure of the West German armed forces, their standby and crisis plans, and their own knowledge about the Warsaw Pact forces. The documents also included important

Dr Laabs's former secretary, Frau Renate Lutze, was alleg-

Ferry strike

at Dunkirk

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 13

Paris, Dec 13

French seamen at Dunkirk have decided to extend their two-day strike, which was due to end today, for a further 12 hours in protest at the fact that police were used to clear the gangways for ships at Le Havre and Calais yesterday.

The strike, to draw attention

The strike, to draw attention to the threat to jobs of French seamen on the cross-Channel routes, has closed all the ports being used by ferries from Britain.

was made to clear a way
was occupied by pickets and,
unlike yesterday, the police
were not used to clear a way

for the lorries and cars on

board.

Meanwhile, the strikers at Calais agreed to go back to work during the afternoon even though Boulogue, which is served only by British ships, was still blocked. It, like all the other ports except Dunkirk.

the other ports except Dunkirk, is now expected to be working normally in the morning.

Eiffel Tower to

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 13

The Eiffel Tower is to be lit

The Eintel Tower is to be interpreted for Christmas like a giant Christmas tree. The shape of a tree 250ft high is to be picked out on each of the four sides of the tower using chains of lights altogether more than six miles long.

miles long.
At the top will be a huge star made up of 200 flashing lights, and 20ft high illuminated letters will wish Pari-

sians a merry Christmas.

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25 No service, except for certain Glasgow suburban services.

no overnight services. See special leaflet.

Southern Region - reduced Sunday service

services.

Weekday service with reduced peak hour services.

Normal Saturday service - no overnight services.

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Other Regions - Sunday service, but no Anglo-Scottish

Other Regions -weekday service with reduced peak hour

and no oversight services.

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extended

edly the main figure in the ring.
She is said to have had the key to Dr Laabs's safe and to have The minister said that the known the combination of the ministry strongroom where top secret documents were kept. She allegedly had the documents photocopied on ministry

Frau Lutze, her husband, Herr Lothar-Erwin Lutze and Herr Jurgen Wiegel, also ministry employees, were arrested 18 months ago. They are expected to go on trial next year.

Many questions have been raised in the press about how

such serious espionage could have gone on in Dr Laabs's office. Why, commentators wanted to know, does the personnel chief need to have top military and strategic secrets and for what reason should his secretary although cleared by secretary, although cleared by security, have access to them? Herr Leber made it clear at a press conference today that

From Charles Hargrove

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Paris, Dec 13

M François Mitterrand, the
Socialist leader, said on television today that if the left
won the election in March, it
had a duty to govern.

"If other parties refuse to
do so", he added, in an allusion to the Communists, "the
Socialist Party will shoulder its
responsibilities. It means to
govern within the framework
of the Union of the Left, to
apply the common programme.

apply the common programme.
The party that would not wish
to do so would deceive the
voters."

voters."

He would not compromise
with the right. If the left did
not win, the Socialist Party
would "continue to be a great

opposition party, the greatest

opposition party".
At a public meeting at Saint-

he said: "Naturally one can wait until 1983. But in what state shall we be next time? Only those who do not suffer can speak in this way, those

can speak in this way, those who prefer to serve this or that faction, this or that party. The Societist Party refuses in advance to serve its own interests. It is ready to place them at the disposal of the whole left. He who will divide it will destroy himself."

Tempers continue to rise

Tempers continue to rise between Socialists and Com-

nunists, and the controversy on policy is turning to invec-tive. At a press conference last weekend, M Mitterrand won-

Williams, the former world and

wife and two mechanics died

when the Second World War German Heinkel bomber he was flying to Britain crashed near heer last Sunday, officials said

today. The Air Search and Rescue

The Air Search and Rescue Centre said the wreckage of the bomber, bound for a British museum, was found today on a mountainside near the monastery town of El Escoiral, about 38 miles north-west of Madrid. A rescue party of civil guards which reached the scene soon after the charred wreckage was spotted reported finding no survivors.

ing no survivors.

Mr Williams, who was 44, and a former RAF test pilot, was British aerobatic champion 10

times and world champion once. He retired from the RAF a few years ago. The Transport Mini-

1977 Beaujolais

British pilot died in crash

Madrid, Dec 13.-Mr Neil stry identified the two mech-

of wartime aircraft

ieuc, in Brittany last night

he did not propose to resign over the affair. He said Frau Lucze was taken on during his

French left's leaders

exchange invective

the parliamentary defence committee tomorrow and the Bundestag (Lower House) will also
debate the issue briefly then.
Dr Manfred Wörner, the committee's Christian Democrat
(opposition) thairman, claimed
the minister had committed a publication of the secret report publication of the secret report on the spy ring's activities by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung yesterday was "a second case of treason" which was as serious as that of the spies. The fact that the ministry was aware of what secrets had been passed on was of importance to the recipients.

the minister had committed a "severe affront to Parliament" by speaking about the affair to the press first. Herr Leber's way of doing this was "not to be tolerated".

Flexing their political muscles He said be had opened investigations to discover who had passed the report, which was classified as secret, to the newsfor tomorrow's fray, opposition spokesmen accused Herr Leber of trying to play down serious espionage and said they would be pittless towards the minis-ter in their demands for a compaper. Herr Leber said that Nato had plete explanation.

been told about the ring's activities in July of last year soon after the trio was arrested. Nato was not happy about such things, but he said that spy cases were part of the daily work in defeuce matters. Nato's plene explanation.

Herr Leber was also accused of having deliberately kept the magnitude of the case secret when the three were arrested in 1976 so as not to spoil his Social Democrat party's chances in the general election that year. His silence was a "huge piece of electoral fraud", one spokesman said. strategy had not been changed, but the alliance had "drawn consequences " from the

Nine all at sea over butter ships

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Dec 13 EEC agriculture ministers today sanctioned the continuation of a remarkable loophole in Community regulations whereby several million West Germans have been getting butter at a third of the normal price by taking boat trips from Raisia poorts.

Baltic ports.

The pleasure steamers go out beyond the three-mile limit, at which point EEC butter can be "exported" to the passengers with the sid of the special subsidies used to bring the price of Community food exports down to the generally lower world level.

The ministers ruled that the

loophole can continue at least until the end of 1979, although the amount of butter a passenger can purchase has been reduced to one kilo (2.2b) a trip, from up to five kilos. In principle, there is no reason why similar cut price deals should not be operated out of British ports, but Mr John Silkin, the Minister for Agriculture, said that he did not think it would be economically antractive at the moment be reduced to nil.

not so offensive in a market From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, Dec 13

Frau Gunda Herbst, the intrepid stallholder from Nuremberg's fruit and vegetable market, has won a partial victory in her running battle to convince the courts that there was nothing wrong in addressing a policeman with the familiar Du.

Frau Herbst, a sturdy 44, has become a national figure since she gave Police Officer Emil Heubusch a piece of her mind one day last year when he asked her to move her stand. In the colourful exchange when he followed she addressed him as followed she addressed him as Du instead of Sie as required for polite conversation between Admonished that she should

refer to him as "Herr Heubusch" and "Sie" Frau Herbst remtted: "I call the Lord God Du and I will go on calling you Du as long as I like".

Showing a greater feeling for the law then a sense of humour, the policemen reported Frau Herbst for "defamation of an official". And in the same spirit a court sentenced her last year to a DM2,250 (£550) fine. An appeal court upheld the sentence. tence.
Frau Herbst was somewhat mollified today, however, when

yet another court, ordered by the Bayarian High Court to review the proceedings, came round partly to her point of

round partly to her point of view.

To insist on calling Police Officer Heubusch Du even after being warned was without doubt an insult, it said, but on the other hand Du was the common form of address in the picturesque language of merket women such as Frau Herbst.

And the policeman was not entirely without blame, it added. He had seen fit to warn Frau He had seen fit to warn Frau Herbst that if she did not watch slap har cheeky mouth. All it decided there were mitigating circumstances and the fine should be reduced by a third to DM1,500.

But that is not the end of it. Frau Herbst's lawyer said she will appeal against this decision and demand that the fine

Shortcomings in BAOR weapons 'harm morale'

Continued from page 1

trouble is no secret but it has been completely revised and squadrons are receiving replacements all the time. In one exercise with modified tanks there was only a 2 per cent failure rate. During this year's exercise they had only 7/12ths the expected engine failures. However, modification has caused a big turnover of engines, which has obviously affected spares availability.

Armenwed personnel carriers: The

ability.

Armoured personnel carriers: The present APC FV432, was designed for the 1960s but the thousand vehicles still in service require ever increasing maintenance and refitting, thus reducing availability. At least one infantry bettailon that should be mechanized in those vehicles has to travel in improtected trucks and the Rhine Army is short of almost a quarter of its planned truck replacements. Moreover, the FV432's replacement, called MICV, will have no amphibious capability Comment: A contract for a proto-

bility
Comment: A contract for a prototype MICV has just been awarded.
No decision has been taken about
whether it should be amphiblous
but senior officers say river-crossing by APCs is seldom required.
Ammunition: Front-line ammunition is so scarce that officers believe they would have no more
than three days' supply once hostilities start. Yet there is no evi-

dence that more could be transported from Britain even if it could be produced in time. Comment: The allegation is groundless since, although ammunition supplies remain secret, it is understood that they exist for at least 30 days.

Transport: It has been reduced in line with the reduction in ammunition. Tank crews have been told that they will have to rely on one bomb load and the present supply vehicle, the five-ton Stalwart, is allocated at the rate of only two to an 18-tank squadron, although its capacity is half that necessary to keep the squadron "bombed up". The Stalwart is soon to be replaced with a smaller vehicle. Comment: That is only half the story, since, although tank squadrons will only have two Stalwarts, each armoured regiment will be supported by a squadron of Stalwarts operated by the Royal Corps of Transport.

Radies: The Army has been told that it will receive the new Clansmen range of radios: but not until

Radies: The Army has been told that it will receive the new Clausement range of radios; but not until the mid-1980s, since all those being built are being exported to the Middle East and Africa.

Comment: The Clausmen is a whole grid system of communication and is not being installed all at once, since modifications become necessary as it evolves. The authorities want to be certain that only the latest modification is installed.

for inclusion in a museum. EEC acts to protect songbirds

above average From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 13

proves just

The 1977 Beaujolais was un-veiled in Paris last night—a mediocre youngster by compari-son with its 1976 brother, but selling at prices 10 to 12 per

This year's vintage, according to the growers, has been saved from disaster by a warm and sunny autumn. The total harsunny autumn. The total harvest will produce about 120 million bottles with quality perhaps slightly above average. The 47.5 gallon barrels of the ordinary Beaujolais were sold for £155 each, Beaujolais villages cost £165 and the crus started at £287 a barrel. A bottle of Reaujolais villages will sell Common rules for the protec-

tion of the EEC's threatened bird population have been agreed in principle by environ-ment ministers of the Nine, although some small differences

of view remain. Working on a proposal from the European Commission, the ministers last night agreed to take special measures to protect the habitat of species threatened. with extinction or seriously declining in numbers, to restrict the shooting of birds for sport and to prohibit a long list of hunting and catching

techniques. Final agreement has still to for £155 each, Beaujolais villages cost £166 and the crus started at £287 a barrel. A bottle of Beaujolais villages will sell for about £1.10 in France, slightly above the price paid last year, even though the wine is of a poorer quality than last year.

One effect of the directive, nets, traps and electrifying once it is adopted, would be to devices.

reduce from 120 to about 70 A breakthrough in last night's the number of species that can

devices.

A breakthrough in last night's discussions came when the Italians agreed to include pippets, sparrows, larks and a small number of other song birds among the species which cannot the spe be shot for sport. Of these, only 20 could be hunted anywhere in the Community; hunting of the rest would be restricted to be shot for sport. Hunting is big business in Italy, where £70m was spent last year on 1,200m shotgun cartridges. certain countries. Excluded from the ban on hunting would be such species as geese, Pheasant, partridge, grouse and woodpigeon, which are generally recognized throughout the Community as game birds. Killing of moggies,

onter countries, among them Britain, argued that to allow hunting of these small song birds would mean in effect a licence to shoot anything smaller than a thrush, since at a distance it would be impossible to tell one bird from another.

The Commission submitted its sparrows, rooks, starlings and other birds regarded as pests would also be permitted prowould also be permitted pro-vided they were not totally exterminated.

The Commission submitted its proposals about a year ago on the basis of a stientific study which showed that some 60 of the 400 or so species of wild birds in the Community are threatened with extinction, and a further 220 declining in mombers in some cases very Among the methods of bird hunting and capture that would be prohibted are: snares, limes, the use of mutilated live birds as decoys, explosives, semi-automatic weapons (that is, those capable of firing more than two rounds), poisoned bait.

for Sadat peace moves Damascus, Dec 13.-Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secre- Middle East to pass without tary of State, failed to ealist making its voice neuro.

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Vance that the Egyptian leader's policy had wrecked all

After almost three hours of

a just, durable and comprehen-sive settlement".

tlement,

The ultra-orthodox lews of Syrian support for the current Middle East peace moves during a lengthy meeting with Presi-dent Assad here might. Neturei Karta are known their postility to the Jewish state, which they regard as a blasphemy because in their view the land of Israel is to be An official Syrian statement said President Assad had firmly returned to the lews only by God octing through the Mesrejected any involvement in President Sadat's peace initiative with Israel and the Cuiro conference which begins to-morrow. Mr Assed told Mr They have put forward a six-

paint peace plan which calls for the creation of a "national government" composed of government composed of three Jews, three Arabs and three United Nations appointers who will be neither Jews nor Arabs." This government would apparently fulc efforts towards reaching a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Syria will continue to work with other Arab countries to confern the dangerious situation. over all the territory " governed confront the dangerious situa-tion created by Mr Sadat's and administered by the present and administered by the present state of Israel." Since Jews and Arabs would then "Iwe side by side in peace", the plan foresces no need for any division of territory herween them. After almost three hours of talks with President Assad. Mr Vance told reporters they had exchanged their respective points of view and had agreed to confer again whenever neces-"Neighbouring countries may seek to establish a confederation of Middie East states or simply to join our country."

sary.
In those talks Mr Vance sought to reassure Syria that American backing for the Cairo The possession of firearms in the new state would be stdictly controlled, and any potential (lashpoints for Jewish-Arab conflict policed by conference did not mean it had abandoned the search for a comprehensive Middle East set a UN appointed force. UN aid: The General Assembly Soon after he reached the Syrian capital, Mr Vance told reporters that "the United States is firmly committed to

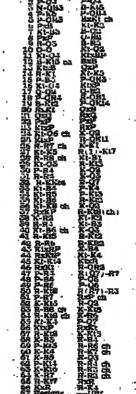
voted in New York today to extend financial aid to Palessinian refugees in the Middle East and demanded that Israel vories it has occupied for 10 Israel voted against key por-

He was given a perfunctory greeting by Mr Abdul Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister, and then driven with tions of a series of resolutions on the Palestinian refugee issues, and the United States out further ado into the city.—
Reuter and UPI.
Our Special ... Correspondent
writes from Jerusalem: It was voted against the call for United Nations observers. But all nor to be expected that the anti-Zionist Jewish sect, Neturel Karta, would allow the latest the resolutions passed by over-whelming margins.—UPI. Relying on America, page 14

Spassky's blunder

COSTS GAME

Belgrade, Dec 13.—A blunder
by Boris Spassky cost him the
eighth game in his chess match
against Viktor Korchnot tonight against viktor Korrano tongot and he is now losing 2—6 in the 20-game contest to decide who will challenge Anatoly Karpov, the world champion. Spassky, who had the advant-age at the adjournment, drew gasps of dismay from the crowd with his fifty-first move. Fifteen moves later the game was over. These were the moves of the game:



Round-up of 'spies' in Thai camp Nong Khai, Thailand, Dec 13. Hundreds of Thai police and

right-wing activists raided a. United Nations refugee camp

United Nations refugee camp here early today and arrested 49 Laotians whom they accused of being communist spies.

The raid and arrests, led personally by Mr Chamman Pochana, the Governor of Mong Khai province, came as Thailand's relations with the communist states of Indo-China were becoming much friendlier.

Even as the arrests of suspected communist spies were continuing, a high-level Victual Nong Khai from Laos on their way to reopen the Viennamese Embassy in Bangkok, closed since the fall of South Vietnam in 1975.

Only last Tuesday Thailand and Laos signed a civil aviation agreement opening direct probability herseen their cardials.

agreement opening direct flights between their capitals and discussed an exchange of

The arrests in the refugee camp began at 3 am when 390 police and para-military border guards, backed by dozens of rightist village scours, poured into the camp to inspect the papers of each of the 20,800 refugees—UPI.

Banking and Finance in Latin America

The two maps published in vesterday's Special Report on Banking and Finance in Latin America" were provided by Euromoney. Mr Nigel Bance, who wrote one of the articles in the report, is on the staff of Euromoney.

Correction

A report from Geneva on Monday (December 12) stated that development aid debts owed by the 45 poorest Third World stated about \$200,000m. The correct figure is \$20,000m.

Concorde within New York noise limits, experts find From David Cross

Concorde was considerably quieter during its first nine days of landings and take-offs at Kennedy airport, in New York, than it has been at Dulles airport, outside Washington, the American Transportation Department said today.

103 complaints about Concorde were received from members of

decibels at Dulles during Con-corde's 12-month trial there. On approaches to Kennedy the noise level averaged 96.6 decibels, as against 116.5 at Dulles. The landings and take-offs during November were all comfortably within the limit of 105 decibels set by the local authorities. authorities.

The department disclosed that Our Air Correspondent writes:

OB complaints about Concorde Officials at the British High vere received from members of Commission in Kuala Lumpur are hoping to meet Malaysian Covernment officials tomorrow. were received from members of the public in the New York area. The Federal Aviation Administration, which is monitoring the environmental impact of Concorde, tound the effective perceived noise level at Howard Beach, the closest monitoring point to most of the take-offs, averaged 96.7 decibels, compared with an average of 119.4 Commission in Kuala Lumpur are hoping to meet Malaysian Government officials tomorrow in an attempt to persuade them to lift the ban on flights by Concorde, through Malaysian airspace to Singapore. If agreement with the Malaysian is not reached shortly, averaged 96.7 decibels, compared with an average of 119.4

West Germans said to be testing missiles in Zaire

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Dec 13

West Germany is secretly testing Cruise and intermediate range ballistic missles over a 100,000 square mile area of south-eastern Zaire, according to be published in Penthouse magazine next March.

The author, Mr Tad Szulc, a usually reliable American diplomatic correspondent, says that the testing programme is in "deliberate disregard" of the 1954 Treaty of Brussels and

spokesman denied any involvement by his organization.

According to Mr Scale, the testing is being directed by the Orbital Launch and Rocket Corporation, which he describes as a mysteriously tax-exempt company based near Frankfurt" which may be receiving as much as \$300m (£170m) worth of financial support from the West German mistary

the West German military budget.
The company has signed a non-cancellable 24-year congract under which it has virtual threatened with extinction, and a further 220 declining in knowledge and approval of the which it has virtual knowledge and approval of the which it has greed to pay the numbers, in some cases very American Government.

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Rhodesian settlement talks reach a critical stage today

then agreement should be relatively easy on most of the

other constitutional safeguards being sought by the whites, except perhaps the question of

According to a nationalist source the Rhodesian Govern-ment has put forward a list of

eight constitutional safeguards

for approval by the nationalists.
Four have been agreed. Differences of opinion have been expressed on another three but

these are likely to be resolved tomorrow. Only on the eighth,

open disagreement.

The safeguards include a
Bill of Rights, an independent

According to nationalist sources, if broad agreement is reached this week a number of

reached this week a number of committees will be set up to discuss detailed aspects of the constitutional proposals. One committee has already been

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From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Dec 13

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Semiement talks between the Rhodesian Government and three interpally based nationalist movements are expected to reach a cruical stage romorrow when the four parties meet for their fourth round of discusyour in the present series.

Sources close to the confer-

Sources close to the conference said that tomorrow's meeting could determine weighter sufficient agreement had been reached for the conference to be dissolved into separate committees to discuss points of detail, or whether the talks were going to stall on the white government's insistence on a blocking third" in a future national assembly.

sill of Rights, an independent judiciary, career safeguards for the armed forces, guarantees on pensions and a limited right to dual citizenship.

At the moment, matters restrict to the role of the relationship. national assumpts, According to these sources, Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, is demanding that whites should hold 43 out that where snown how is our of the 127 seats in a new national assembly elected on the basis of one man, one vote. He is also insisting that elections should be based on separate black and whate voters rolls. laring to the role of the security forces have been res-tricted to the question of career safeguards for white regular soldiers. Controversial questions such as the dis-bandment of certain units or the inclusion of guerrillas in the existing forces have not The remaining 84 seats in the assembly would be held by blacks elected by an exclusively

black electorate.

Two of the nationalist groups taking part—the United African National Council (UANC) led by Bishon Abel Muzorewa and the African National Council (Simbole) headed by the Rev Núsbaningi Sithole—are unhappy about the racial basis for such a blocking mechanism. A leading member of the UANC delegation at the talks said today that Mr Smith was laying down a principle which was "totally unacceptable Government sources, however, insist that Mr Smith cannot give way on his demand for a "blocking third" if he is to gain the approval of the white electorate for any settlement achieved as a result of the present negotiations.

"It is the only genuine safeguard we can hope for," the Two of the nationalist groups

committee has already been formed and met today to discuss whether the voting age should be set at 18 or 21. Bishop Muzorewa and Mr Sithole both support an age limit of 18. Mr Smith is open minded, but Chief Chirau, head of the Zimbabwe United People's Organization (Zupo) wants the age limit to be 21.

guard we can hope for," the source said. " Any other written guarantees can be torn up the holding o immediately after independence vote elections.

Kenya police

Mr Odinga

From Our Correspondent

Nairobi, Dec 13
Mr Oginga Odinga, who was
Vice-President of Kenya from
1964 to 1966, and who was
demand from 1969 to 1971

after his short-lived opposition party had been banned, was

today after being held since Sourday night.

of a welfare society of his Luo tribe, with 17 other Kenyans, all of whom were subsequently released. Mr Odinga said today he had been told he was still under investigation on an

allegation of tritering threats to kill, amounting to a breach of

rithin a week that police had broken up a meeting in Neirobi addressed by Mr Odinga Mr Odinga announced so-ber this year that he was returning to the political areas, and would run for office

in the ruling Kenya African National Union. The party elec-

tions were subsequently post-

was the second time

He was arrested at a meeting

release

UN call for mandatory oil embargo on S Africa

By David Spanie.

After hearing new evidence that the South African subsidia-ries of the five western oil combreaking in Rhodesia Mobil, Caltex, Total, Shell, and BPare still supplying oil to Rhodesia, the Fourth Commi-tee of the United Nations General Assembly has decided to call for a mandatory embargo

against South Africa.

The vore, taken on Monday night, was 112—0 with 10 abstentions, including the five Western members of the Security Council. The resolution now oes to the General Assembly.
According to confidential in-According to confidential information recently given to the United Nations committee, much of the oil is being transported by the oil companies' subsidiaries, either directly or through intermediary companies, to a storage depot at Messina, 10 miles south of the Rhodesian - South African border.

border.

It is then sent across the Beit Bridge border point into Rhodesia by road and rail by all five of the South African

The information comes from The information comes from a report to the Fourth Committee made by the Haslemere Group, a study group in London, which has provided most of the material available on Rhodesian oil supplies.

The five Western oil companies in South Africa, the Haslemere report adds, cooperate extremely closely. On the last Thursday o feach momh they come together in what is

last Thursday o feach momb they come together in what is known as the "industry meeting", at which matters discussed include the sale of oil to Rhodesia. The meetings are chaired by the South African subsidiary of British Petroleum. The British Government has viewed the alleged sanction Once the committees have completed their work a draft constitution would be drawn up. This would then be presented for approval to the existing viewed the alleged sanction breaking on oil with concern,

electorate either through a referendum or a general elec-tion. The next stage would be the holding of one-man, onebut has up to now taken a fairly cautious attitude The oil companies themselves have maintained that their subas happened to other African countries."

Conference sources remain United States would be prespected that the "blocking pared to send observers to enthird" issue will not prove insurmountable. If this issue freely and fairly undertaken. sidiaries in South Africa are not under their coutrol, but subject to South African law. South Africa, of course, does

complaint that Ethiopia has given sauctuary to subversive

elements implicated in the attempted coup against Presi-

Rome, Dec 13.-Eritrean

rebels and Ethiopian troops are

locked in fierce street battles

for control of the Red Sea port of Massawa, according to a

statement issued here by the Eritrean People's Liberation

more than 100 wounded in re-

cent security operations in Erhiopia's eastern province of Harrarghe, it was reported hera today.—Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

dent Nimeiry in 1976.

OAU tries to mediate in

Freenown, Dec 13.—President Mr Peter Onu, the OAU

Sudan-Ethiopia dispute

here.
Welcoming delegations from

Welcoming delegations from 11 African nations before the meeting bega number the chairmanship of Mr Abdulai Centeh, the Sierra Leone Foreign Minister, Mr Stevens called on President Nimeiry of Sudan and Lieurenant-Colonel Mengistu Haile Markam, chairman of Ethiopia's ruling military council, to avoid recourse to "the distracting influences of external forces" in settling their dispute.

dispute.
The OAU had been criticized

and not without reason" for its inability or unwillingness to dispense "evenlanded justice", Mr Stevens said. "These criti-

Why former Prime Minister is prepared to risk a martyr's death King of Nepal shows he sees need for reform

social democratic former Prime Minister, will be executed if he is found guilty at his forthcom-ing trial before a special tri-bunal on six charges of treason and one of sedition.

But the veteran leader of the banned Nepali Congress, by returning home last month from New York in the middle of critical treatment for throat cancer, has made it clear that he is pre-pared to risk a martyr's death in order to gain at least a moral victory in his struggle to restore parliamentary democracy to Nepel after almost 17 years of the panchayar system of in-directly elected government under King Birendra.

King Birendra does not have. time on his side, as Mr Koirala calculated when he decided not to leave Nepalese politics when the King released him last June

the King released him last June after seven mouths' arrest and helped finance his journey for treatment abroad.

An American doctor in Katmandu (who is not being allowed to see or examine him personally) has set January or February as the latest time for Mr Kontala's return to New York for a second operation.

From Richard Wigg
Katmando, Dec 13

No one I could find in Katmandu seems really to believe that Mr B. P. Koirala, Nepal's pardon, and then swift dispatch and the swift dispatch. pardon, and then swift dispatch of Mr Koirala abroad again. His trial is being watched closely, not only in India where import-

ant elements of the Janata Government have long cam-paigned for his release, but by Herr Willy Brandt, President of the Socialist International and. one assumes for its essential human rights aspect, by Presi-dent Carter. His possible death, if the trial dragged on, would be a dangerous step backwards by the regime by the regime.

In a year which has seen political upheavals affecting all of his neighbours, the King all of his neighbours, the King has shown that he senses the panchayat system is in need of reform. Nepal siace 1975 has had its single official political movement, the "Back to the village national campaign". This experiment in organic democracy has come overwhelmingly to represent established interests unable to adapt to change. Hence the King's public call for an injection of more genuine popular participation.

The King has been releasing

The King has been releasing Nepal's political prisoners, in-cluding some prominent Opposition figures, so that there

Early next month a convoca-

Early next month a curvocation of schismatic Episcopalians
will be held to establish a new
church, the Anglican Church in
North America. Its members
claim that the Episcopalian
Church here has lapsed into
heresy by ordaining women into
the priesthood and by permitting various other impovations.
Those in Britain who dispute
with one another over revisions
of the Lord's Prayer might be

with one another over revisions of the Lord's Prayer might be startled at some of the American versions. There is a seminary here training priests, men and women, for the Episcopal ministry, who begin the prayer "Our Fasher, our Mother in Heaven..."

This same institution, possibly because David chaced be-

rids same institution, pos-sibly because David danced be-fore the Lord, thinks that the prayer can also be rendered as a pas de danc. They dance it, in mixed couples, wearing long white robes to set the proper

Conservatives have other ob-jections to the way things are going in the Episcopal Church here. They oppose the lifting of the ban on the remarriage in

church of divorced people, and the admission of homosexuals to the priesthood.

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Dec 13

Anglican schismatics

in search of a bishop

The best scenario from the are now estimated to be about genuinely contented with the ling's standpoint would appear 100 left behind bars. regime.

Neval's middle class is very anail—agriculture still accounts for 90 per cent of all jobs—and the teachers, university students, lawyers and engineers who provide what is both a generation and a political protest against the system face repression quite as tough as in India during Mrs Gandhi's emergency.

In Karmandu on the night of Mrs Gandhi's spectarular defeat in the March general election, thousands of homes stayed tuned in throughout the night to All-India Radio. The Nepalese elections in four administrative zones at about the same time passed unnoticed.

Mr Kotrala's followers say they intend to prepare during the next six months for a campaign of Gandhian non-violent protest. So do some more leftwing and younger groups.

Dissent here is weak from an organizational standpoint.

an organizational standpoint.
That is natural under a regime
that has banned parties and
trade unions and where the
national literacy rate is about
15 per cent. But Mr Koirala,
branded as a survivor from the
decade of the failed politicians, could hardly have become a caralyst if the country was

It was the ordination of

the apostolic succession, and to

advised to drop case of A return to parliamentary government would perhaps not

jailed nurse Bangkok, Dec 13.-A former Thai Prime Minister today urged Mrs Barbara Castle, Labour MP for Blackburn, not

Mrs Castle

to become involved in the case of Miss Rita Nightingale, one of her constituents, who was jailed for 20 years last week for heroin smuggling, while an appeal is Mrs Castle had said after she heard of the sentence that she believed Miss Nightingale, a 24-

year-old nurse, was innocent. Mr Kukrit Pramoj said in the Siam Rath newspaper that he had sympathy for Miss Nightingale and for British officials in Bangkok, whom Mrs Castle has asked to ensure that she is helion reports. being properly treated in jail.

Miss Nightingale was jailed

ofter being found guilty of try-ing to smuggle beroin through Bangkok to Europe last March-Her lawyers said they would appeal for her release.

Mr Kukrit, who was Prime Minister from March, 1975, until April last year, wrote: "Mrs Castle is entitled to her opinion, but as the Thai court has handed down the sentence and the matter is still under appeal. the matter should be left alone."

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He said Mrs Castle's request for action through the Errish Embassy to check prison conditions under which Miss Nightingale is held "sounds as if we are still in the era of extraterritorial rights, which were revoked a long time ago."

Mr Kukrit was referring to exemption from Thai legal action which was granted to foreigners in Thailand under treatics with the big powers signed in the mid-nineteenth signed in the mid-nineteenth century. All such treatles were

revoked by 1925.

He had sympathy for Mrs Castle. "When there are requests for help from her voters. she just has to play the game " he said.—Reuter.

Pop groups are harassed in Czechoslovakia A list of singers and pop

solve Nepal's economic prob-

lems, but neither has the pan-

chapat system. Between 1967 and 1975 (the latest period for any reliable figures) the aver-

age real growth in Nepal's gross

domestic product, of 2.2 per cent a year, was absorbed by an

identical registered population

The gross national produc

per capita remained about £51. The diet of more of the poor

dropped below subsistence levels, and 56 per cent of all

known deaths were of children under five.

with informed people in Kar-mandu differ as to whether King Birendra is all powerful within the system or, as the phrase goes, he has difficulties within the palace. Instigating the Koirala trial was the work

the Koirala trial was the work of the hardliners, those who stand to lose more if the King should decide to open the system by some relaxation on civil liberties.

The Koirala trial, and the keen international interest aroused, limit the King's immediate options but the king the latest the latest

mediate options, but the basic choices remain his as an abso-lute monarch and the Nepalese

Army appears both loyal and obedient.

Well informed people in Kat-

increase.

groups who have been banned, restricted or arrested by the Czechoslovak authorities is contained in a report by the Charter 77 movement, founded last January in Prague to press for human and civil rights.

The report is signed by Dr Jiri Hajek, a former Foreign Minister, Dr Ladislav Hejdanek, a philosopher, and Miss Marta Kubisova, a popular singer. groups who have been banned women that proved the final straw. The debate had continued for years, getting steadily more acrimonious win the bishops threatening to excommunicate those of their number who ordained women, not to marrian the women. number who ordained women, not to mention the women themselves. A council finally admitted women last year.

The schismatics have been planning their new church ever since. They claim that about 90 parishes have broken with the official church, and they are forming themselves into dioceses. So far, no bishop has gone with them and their problem is to find one to ensure the apostolic succession, and to sioger.

references to religious themes Some performers have also failed tests of "political matu-

The main body of the church in which all these matters are Festivals and concerts are in which all these marters are still being debated vigorously—has taken the defections quietly so far. Things would change if members were to leave in large numbers, but there is little sign of that.

After all, the number of

women priests is very small and the antics of publicity-seeking innovators in small seminaries have few repercussions within the Anglican Church, whose strength, over the centuries, has been its catholicity.

Among the reasons given by the authorities for the measures are long hair, unsuitable attire, support for persecuted artists, non-conformist behaviour, and the content of a single song.

restivals and concerts are frequently cancelled or disrupted by the police, says the report, and records are withdrawn. As a result there have been clashes between young people and security forces. At a folk festival in Kydne in the summer, 126 people were in-

jured
The Charter's signatories
bave published an open letter
to "Polish friends" saying how
highly they value the solidarity
shown by them for Charter 77.

Chinese press told to stop official reprints From David Bonaviü

Hongkong, Dec 3
The Chinese offocial press has yowed to discontinue the practice of parroting itself with numerous reprints of poll-tically significant articles in

different publications.

The Peking part party organ Kwangming Daily has condemned the reprosuction of officially sponsored articles in central and provincial newspapers and specialized journals and magazines, which has been common practice until now.

In one issue of the medical

journal, 60 per cent of its contents were reproduced from newspapers and periodicals run the central newspaper said, blaming this practice on the so-called rang of four led by Chiang Ching, Chairman Mao's widow.

"There are hundreds of periodicals throughout the country, and the waste result-ing from reproduction is staggering", it added,

Nun finds head

Quito, Dec 13.—The head of an Ecuador businessman kid-napped 13 days ago was found in the grounds of a church college here today, police said. The head was wrapped in a plastic han justed a hey found plastic bag inside a box found by a nun. The rest of the body has not been found.—Reuter

Britain to protest over atrocities in Cambodia

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent

The Government has at last decided to protest against atrocities in Cambodia by raising the matter at the next meeting of the United Nations Com-mission on Human Rights in February.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minis-Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minis-ter of State at the Foreign Office, who announced the deci-sion in the Lords on Monday, said that such practices should be condemned and exposed. He hoped that there would be support from Britain's friends and allies.

As more and more horrifying reports of Cambodian atrocities bave been reaching the West from refugees escaping across the border into Thailand, Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, has come under increasing pressure to raise the matter in the forum of the United Nations. Freetown, Dec 13.—President
Stevens of Sierra Leone
appeared last night to Ethiopia the dispute centred on comand Sudan to show 'flexibility, maturity and an attitude of mutual accommodation in order to ensure success for the Organization of African Unity's Sudanesse aid—and on Sudan's standards and on Sudan's successions.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts also ennounced that the Government hoped to make an increased contribution of 2750,000 towards the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refused to hallong 25 000 parts gees in helping 88,000 south-east Asian refugees in Thailand. This aid would be subject to parliamentary approval and will be in addition to the £400,000 already pledged for next year. Those in Thai resettlement camps include 73,000 Lactians, 14,000 Cambodians and 1,000 Vietnemess

Vietnamese. Lord Goronwy-Roberts told the Lords that Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, had agreed to admit refugees from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia who had Addis Ababa, Dec 13.—A total of 26 Somali insurgents fighting to reclaim territory from Ethiopia were killed and previous connexions with. Britain. A quote of 116 small boat" refugees from Vietnam would be accepted and addi-tional measures to help with the resettlement problem were

Durban home of banned Indian leader fired on From Our Correspondent

No motive is known for an attack last night on the Durban home of Mrs Fatima Meer, the banned Indian leader and sociologist, the police said

today.

The family's twoc ars were set ablaze and a bouse guest was badly wounded in the shoulder by shotgun fire.

The outrage was the latest in a series involving banned

down during Gandhi era From Our Correspondent Delhi, Dec 13 Tens of thousands of poor people were uprooted and their homes demolished during the emergency so as to beautify Delhi, according to the information disclosed by the Shah commission investigating the excesses committed under emergency rule. One witness told the commission today that the demolitions had been directed by Mr Sanjay Gandhi with the approval of his mother, Mrs Indira Gandhi, Mr Raghuramaiah, former Minister of Works, Housing and Parliamentary Affairs, and Mr F. H. Mohsin, former Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, said that the late President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed had expressed concern aman Gate and Jama Musjid urea. Mr Raghuramaiah said that he was not aware of any decision caken by his ministry to undertake demolitions on such

Poor people's homes torn

he was not aware of any deci-sion caken by his ministry to undertake demolitions on such B. R. Tamus, former undertake der ipal commissioner of a large scale

of kidnap victim

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cisms are again going to be tested or confirmed by the out-come of your deliberations here". Second stage of **Falklands** meeting opens

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Dec 13

the meeting between the two sides in Rome in July, when for the first time the question of transferring the sovereignty formally discussed.

The second stage of the latest round of negotiations on the Falkland islands began here today. Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, went to the Argentine consulate for talks with Captain Oscar Aliara, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Argentina. The talks, which are expec-ted to last three days, follow up

of the islands to Argentina was Britain is anxious to get rid of the islands, as uf all its remaining colonial possessions, but will not do so without the

agreement of the 1,905 inhabitants, who want to stay British. Thus the most important stage of the present initiative will come when Mr Rowlands goes to Rio de Janeiro on Sun-day to meet Falkland islands representatives. That is when he will seek their agreement to

Baluchi leaders demand restoration of rights From Our Correspondent dent of the party.

Islamubad, Dec 13 Mr Chaus Bux Bizenjo, the

being considered.

former governor of Baluchistan, and two other Baluchi leaders of the outlawed National Awami Party, who were recently granted release on bail by a special court, have refused to leave prison until the martial law authorines agree to reverse the consequences of the military operations carried out from 1973 by Mr Bhutto, the former Prime

The two other leaders who The two other leaders who declined to be released until Baluchi grievances are redressed are Mr Khair Bux Marri and Mr Gul Khan Naseer. The special court, which was set up on 1975 by Mr Ehutto to try 45 people, mainly leaders of the National Swami Party which he banned for alleged antistate activities in 1973, granted bail last week

Eight die in fire

Providence, Rhode Island, Dec 13.—Fire swept through a dormitory at Providence College early today, killing at least eight women students. Fourteen any formula he and Captain eight women students. Fourtee Allara might draw up this week.

dent of the party.

A statement issued by Mr Mahmud Aziz Kurd, a former member of the Senate, on behalf of Mr Bizenjo said he had mer the Baluchi leader in yderahad jail last Saturday. Mr Bizenjo reportedly said that during military operations on the orfer of Mr Butto's Government, "hundreds of men, women and children were killed, numerous villages were destroyed, thousands of people were uprooted, a large number destroyed, thousands of people were uprooted, a large number were forced to abandon their homes and seek refuge in other parts of the country or go into hiding or flee across the border, and many were put behind bars."

Although the Bhutto regime was no longer in power, Mr Bizeljo said, people in Baluchistan remained uprooted and those who had abandoned their homes were still destitute.

for alleged antistate activities homes were still destitute. in 1973, granted bail last week Many were still in hiding and to 14 of the accused, including others were in jail.

Train kills 11

Denizli, Turkey, Dec 13.-Eleven people were killed and six injured when the minibus in which they were travelling was hit by a goods train on a cross-ing near here last night.

Wary crew used Salyut's back door

picious and the decision was

taken to dock at the other end."

Moscow, Dec 13.—The Soyuz cosmonauts entered the Salyur 6 space laboratory by the back door because they suspected the main docking en-trance was faulty, it was explained on Moscow radio

Lieutenant-Colonel Yuri Romanenko and Mr Georgy Grechko, who were said to be enjoying a day of "active rest" enjoying a day of active restricted to use the alternate docking entry when their Soyuz capsule linked up with the previously unused Salyut on Sunday. on Sunday.

In the broadcast, Mr Konstantin Feoktistov, a space scientist, said: "The first docking device was found to be sus-

The two docking entrances on Salyut increased the reliability and safety of the space stations and would allow ground control to launch resupply or rescue crews in case of need. Improvements to Salyut 6 to make life more comfortable for the orbiting cosmonwuts and to accommodate new scientific

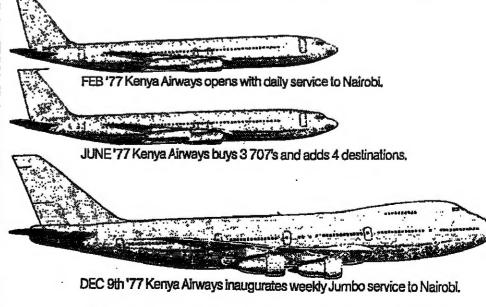
equipment were described in the broadcast. Mr Feokustov said a new drinking water recycling sys-tem, first tested experimentally on Salyut 4, was now a regular feature on Salyut 6, along with an experimental showerbath. The shower, in a sealed com-

to direct weightless water drops over a bathing cosmonaut and out the bottom. A special filter separated the water and the air for recirculation in the space ship's systems.

By 2 pm Moscow time today (1100 GMT) the Salyut 6 had completed 1,188 orbits around Earth, 34 of them with the Soyuz 26 crew on board, according to Tass. It was orbiting Earth every 91.4 minutes at between 209.4 miles and 225.5 miles and at an orbital inclination of 51.6 degrees.

All systems were functioning normally, the news agency said.

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Britain and France to seek areas for A further Big vote in favour of first-past-the-post closer industrial cooperation: similar views on future of EEC

The French and British Governments are to establish a Committee for Industrial Cooperation to identify new areas for closer coopera-tion between the two countries, Mr. James Callaghan, the Prime Minis-ter, said. He was making a statenent about his talks yesterday and oday with M Giscard d'Estaing. President of France. Mr Callaghan said: The talks took place in a friendly atmosphere and revealed a broad similarity of approach to the main issues of the Current questions affecting the curopean Community were fully discussed at last week's meeting of hat our views were similar.

We discussed the important and
the ressing question of the Community's fisheries policy on which the Commission's proposals will provide the basis for a further meeting of the fisheries council We resumed our discussions on the world economic situation and were in agreement that it is essen-ial for the OECD and the EEC to achieve their growth targets next year if unemployment is not to rise still higher. Our own fight against inflation, which is making good progress, needs the help of more expansionary policies in the trongest economies.
We discussed the problems arising from the surpluses accumulated by the Opec countries and by in a thorough review of our bilateral relations, we agreed to establish a Committee for Industrial Cooperation, drawn from senior officials of the two countries, which will identify new areas of industrial cooperation between us. These will include offshore off technology, technology peripheral to the computer industry, the paper industry, and the machine nool industry among others.

We welcomed the contacts already established between British Leyland and Renault on possible cooperation between the companies which, while leaving the initiative to them, we support and encourage. In a thorough review of our We discussed a proposal for a ,000 megawatt cross-Channel elec-ricity cable link. We noted that he generating authorities in our

wo countries are in negotiation We couldn't ser in negotiation towards an agreement and expressed our support for this. We reviewed prospects for co-peration in the supply of defence equipment, and welcomed the sig-

Two million

increase

forecast in

workforce

stated. More jobs in manufacturing industry would have to be found by stimulating investment and domestic and international trade.

Mr George Rodgers (Chorley, Lab) had asked for the estimate of the increase emicipated over the next

Mr Booth—If present trends con-tinue, there may be an increase of about 2,200,000 in the labour force in Great Britzin between 1977 and

1991, the latest year for which I have projections.

The rigure is subject to various uncertainties, in particular in respect of the number of married women likely to be seeking work. They are projected to increase by about 1.250,000 over that period. Mr Rodgers—That is a staggering figure—over two million people to be superimposed on an unember

figure—over two million people to
be superimposed on an unemployed labour force of one and a
half million. Surely that calls for a
change in strategy?
Should he not be considering
increasing public spending and
expanding educational opportunities and a range of options to be
introduced as quickly as possible?
Mr Rooth—Certainly is a chai-

Mr Booth—Certainly it is a chal-lenging figure, when one starts from the figure of the present high level of unemployment. I agree that it carries with it obligations

that it carries with it congations to study all those factors that he has mentioned. But this Government has not shown reluctance to increase public spending, when we have the means to do it.

we have the means to do it.

Mr John Garrett (Norwich, South,
Lab)—Given those remarkable
figures, does he favour the argument for the early repayment of
debt and tax relief or action to
create new jobs in manufacturing
industry from the use of the public
ravenues arising from North Sea
oil and sas?

oil and gas?
Mr Booth—I find myself on one
side only of every argument, and
that is to deploy available
resources to reduce unemploy-

Mr Tom Arnold (Hazel Grove,

C)—How are new jobs in manufac-turing industry to be created? Mr Booth—In a number of ways.

One is by support for the invest-

ment necessary to carry out the recommendations of the sector working parties and another an

improvement in our own trade nolicies. Another is to use our influence within the EEC and the

various options which had opened up and that these matters should be decided on the basis of the commercial and market factors inwolved.

We agreed that there will be annual meetings in future between the senior officials of our countries who are concerned with economic management. In a wider framework, we agreed to encourage the Franco-British Council to organize annual meetings, such as we already here with ings, such as we already have with the Federal Republic of Germany and other countries, between lead-

log British and French politicians, industrialists, trade unionists and others to discuss matters of comothers to discuss matters of common concern.

We had a thorough and useful exchange of views on the international situation. We devoted particular attention to the prospects for a Middle East settlement and to Africa, on which our thinking was very close. We agreed to deepen consultation between us on African problems.

This latest meeting has confirmed once again the value of these exchanges as a positive and constructive basis on which to build Franco-British friendship.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—We are not short of summits,

C)—We are not short of summits, committees of cooperation, or of summit statements, particularly about the need for extra growth. All are phrased in the same terms. The only thing we are short of is results from summits.

It is iroute that this statement on the need for industrial growth comes on a day when industrial production is once again down.

Do any practical proposals for growth emerge from these summit meetings?

Mr Callaghern—It is true that there Mr Callaghan-It is true that there are far more international meet-ings than there have ever been and that sometimes results are not

Nevertheless, there are problems of interdependence which are not solved and cannot be solved by any one country. I speak, I am sure, for the President, and certainly for myself, when I say that this exchange of views is of great value and Mrs Thatcher is not doing justice to them by her approach.

In these matters of the cross-Channel electricity link, the supply of defence equipment examination Channel electricity link, the supply of defence equipment, examination of new areas for cooperation in industrial matters—all these are of value and what happens is surely perhaps that one discovers one day one can start a political impetus and the issues are carried on by officials or colleagues. Sometimes it needs heads of government to get together and give a push behind it.

No great results come from one meeting. I should like to cut down the number of meetings but there command when are the urgent decisions on new projects to which Mr Callaghan referred likely to be made?

Wr Callaghan—We are going to our respective industries to our respective industries to our conclusion as quickly as possible. They should find it possible to evaluate these projects by then. They both conclusion, but this must be approached on a commercial bosis.

PM predicts higher

living standards

the next 12 months would mean further tax remissions and this, together with the fact that inflation was being overcome, would result in a substantial increase in the standard of life in 1978, the Frime Minister said at question time.

He was speaking during exchange which began when Mr lean Evans (Aberdare, Lab) asked: Has he read the Richard Dimbleby lecture by Mr Jack Jones? The most important pact this Government have is with the trade unions, will he seek to transform the social contract into a socialist contract to the species.

tract so that workers' sacrifices in

the years ahead?

Mr Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East,
Lab)—I have read a summary of
that lecture and it was well worth
while. I congratulate Mr Jones on
what he had to say. It is the

foundation of any government's success in this country and in others that there should be a good working relationship with the trade

As I move among prime minis-ters and others from other coun-ries I find that the relationship we have in this country is in some cases a source of envy to them.

cases a source of envy to them.

Mr Margaret Thatcher, Leader of
the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley,
C)—Will he remind the TUC that
the pay in the pocket of the
average worker this Christmas will
buy less than in any Christmas will
buy less than in any Christmas will
since 1969? That is the practical
result of socialism. (Conservative
cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—I will check on her figures. As regards the general position, there has never been any

position, there has hever been any attempt on the part of responsible people to deny that what has happened as a result of the increase in oil prices and for other reasons has meant a lowering in the standard of life in this country and other

or life in this country and other countries.

From that we are now recovering. The tax remissions we were able to give in the autumn and summer are helping.

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If we get reasonable settlements on pay during the next 12 months there can be further tax remissions and this, together with the fact that we are now overcoming inflation, will result in real and substantial increases in the standard of life of people in this country in 1978.

union movement.

jobless total expected

The December figures would show a further fall in unemployment, Mr. Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, stated during question time. He indicated that the Government were reviewing the operation of the temporary employment subsidy along with a number of other major measures which had been extended through to March. He would return to the Horse with a statement on this. He added that the temporary He added that the temporary employment subsidy, more than any other single measure introduced by the Government, had substantially reduced the level of redundancies—to about a third of what they would otherwise him.

what they would otherwise have Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L)—
Have the Government considered
the policy of giving time off in lieu
of overtime payment and how
many jobs could that create?
Mr Booth—I have considered a
number of possibilities in that
area, I would, however, tather see
employers and trade unions working on their own alternatives to the
present high levels of overtime
worlding and on means of employing more people. If there was a

French project could succeed because of resources available. It would have to be on a broader

scale.
Mr Peter Walker (Worcester, C)—
West Germany also has a considerable interest in the areas of collaboration which were identified.
Probably collaboration should be
on a wider scale than on an AngloFrench basis.

French basss.

Mr Callaghan—We are covering this aspect in defence. The European Programme Group is condicating possible collaboration in the

Both the French President and I

Mr James Johnson (Kingston upon Hull, West, Lab)—In the eyes of our fishing industry the French are a bête noire. Did the French Presi-dent say anything about the 50-mile exclusive limit?

ward.

Mrs Helene Hayman (Welwyn and Harfield, Lab)—in view of the grave problems of the civil aircraft industry both in France and this commy when are the urgent decisions on new projects to which Mr Callaghan referred likely to be made?

ment spring, coupled with the fact that we are now overcoming inflation. which is expected to be in single figures next year, that—on the forecase of all pretty dispassionate people—will lead to a substantial improvement in the standard of life for the first time for some years. It is worth working for.

for.
That is why I reiterate the neces-

That is why I retterate use uncessity for having moderate increases in earnings and not going for fantastic increases of 20 and 30 per cest which would mean that inflation would go up, that we could not make the tax cuts, and there would be a general reduction in standards rather than improve-

standards rather man improve-ments.

Mr Kenneth Baker (City of West-minster, St. Marylebone, C)— Before he sees the TUC will he have a word with the Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Benn) who said last night that what Britain needs more than any Labour Government is more socialism? (Labour cheers.)

Covernment is more socialism? (Labour cheers.)
Mr Caliaghan—There are no differences between Mr Benn and myself. (Conservative laughter.)
Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwalf, L)—Never mind increases in expanses of 20 and 30 per cent, the current spate of forecasts in the private sector are that earnings will average 17 per cent increases during the period of the Government's guidelines.

These forecasts, coppled with

ment's guidelines.

These forecasts, coupled with leaks from the Treasury that their computer confirms this figure, are likely to be self-fulfilling. What will he do to introduce a pay policy which will stop earnings rising at 17 per cent over the 12 months of this pay policy? Mr Callaghan—The only point on which I would agree with him is that this ridiculous kind of forecasting, which seems to be the biggest growth industry in this country, tends to become self-fulfilling. I wish we could have far fewer forecasts and more people concentrating on what is happening.

ing. Mr Bryan Davies (Enfield, North,

Mr styan towes (anneas, North, Lab)—As the forecasting ability of the Treasury is held in high regard only by Mr Pardoe, could not their computer be better used by adding up the full cost to public expenditure of demands made by the Opposition?

mile exclusive limit?

Mr Callaghan—There would not be normal relations with France unless there was some friction between the fishermen off the southwest coast and French fishermen who claim amoient and historic rights to fish there.

Because of the need to preserve fish stocks there is more in common between them and the French than there appears to be on the surface. We hope the French will support the proposals we put forward.

Mrs Helene Hayman (Welwyn and

When he talks of the tragedy of the level of unemployment, there will be many more people in employment this Christmas than in the less severe economic conditions of 1972. Indeed there will be more than 400,000 more employed at this particular season which shows that some of the measures we have been introducing to sustain and increase employment have had considerable effect.

Mr Booth later said that at November 10 there were 1,437,963 people registered as memployed in Great British. The last three months had each shown a fall in the numbers of unemployed, mainly as a result of school leavers finding jobs.

Doctors failing to identify kidney donors

Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State for Health, said in a written reply: Although the introduction of a contracting-out system for organ donation could lead to some improvement in the supply of kidneys, the present legislation is not as restrictive as is often assumed and is not. I believe, the major cause of the current shortage of kidneys for transplantation.

Probably the more important single factor contributing to this shortage is the failure off octors to identify potential donors and set in motion the process of organ removal. Lack of public awareness of the need for more kidneys also contributes, although to a lesser extent, to the shortage.

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Evidence of public acceptance of a contracting-out system is doubtful. Organ donation is a delicate issue which involves deep-rooted rilgious, social and cultural factors, and to override these may do more harm than good. However, I would welcome public debate on this lasue and my department intends to publish next year a discussion document, setting out the arguments for and against amending present legislation governing the donation of kidneys for transplant.

Mr Raphael Tock (Watford, Lab)
unsuccessfully sought an emergency debase on the Town and
Country Planning General Development (Amendment) Order, 1977,
which, he said, removed control by
local authorities to such an extent
that it would almost be possible to
build a factory in a residential
back garden.

system for direct elections to Europe

ensure that the first-past-the-post system was used for electing members of the European Assem-bly rather than the reglocal list system was considered when the committee stage of the European Assembly Elections Bill was resumed.

Clause 3 (Method of election), s drafted, set our provisions for both methods of election and Mr Frederick Willey (Sunderland, North, Lab) moved the amendment to keep the electoral system for direct elections to Europe the same direct elections to Europe the same as it is for general elections in the United Kingdom.

He said that a change would make things worse. If the amendment was defeated, the breach would then be opened and Liberal support would depend increasingly upon the Government's willinghess to support proportional representation.

intion.

It was foolish, dangerous and unnecessary to countenance change. He hoped the House would decide that the occasion for this

nan not arisen. Mr Merlyn Reen, Home Secretary (Leeds, South, Lah) said the Houne could make a choice between the two electoral systems. The Government favoured the regional list system but their supporters would have a free vote on this issue. The result would be that each

regions had merit in the European context.

It was essential that the voter was able to see as a group all the candidates standing for the same party. The number of candidates convesting each multimember region made the normal form of ballot paper unsatuable.

A new form of ballot paper had been devised which placed the number of candidates alphabetically and horizontally across the ballot paper. The names of the political on the mathematics of it that the

He yieleded to no one in his support for the Westminner system in constituencies, under the sort of system they had in elections to the House, and also for the role of the MP. Europe was different in this respect with all members, given the role of the European Parliament. He wanted to remain different. The regional his system was appropriate for the European Assembly.

As one went down the list and the votes were averaged it would be possible for an independent to be elected.

Under the regional list system Under the regional list system the multimember constituencies were specified in Schedule 3. Once the Bill had received Royal Assent the political parties would know the final nature of the constituencles and could begin selection of candidates immediately. annuance immediately.

If the simple majority system was chosen, then a minimum of 18 weeks would be required after Royal Assent for the truncated procedures provided fo rin Schedule 2 for the determination of the 78 single-member constituencies. 78 single-member constituencies.
Clearly the Boundary Commission could do some preliminary work before Royal Assent but not until the Bill was on the statute book would have have formal authbook would hive have formal authorfty to proceed.

It should take them only a couple of weeks to produce the initial
proposals for first-past-the-bost.

Most of the 18 weeks would be
required for cousideration and
representations by the political
parties and the production and
publication of new proposals by
the Boundary Commission.

in the and tertically down the ballot which they were working, the dignesses the paper. It enabled the voter to see chances—unless there was a speed-the-post at a glance the individual candidate be was voting for, with the candidate's party and the other post being able to be ready for motal list candidates in the same party.

He yieleded to no one in his broppen support for the Westminner system was the key from which they were working, the chances—unless there was a speed-up in the procedures after Christmas—of under first-past-the-candidates in the same party.

As for the timing in regard to the regional list system after Royal Assent was the key from which they were working, the chances—unless there was a speed-up in the procedures after the paper. It enabled the voter to see Assent, he suggested that the pren-aration for the elections would be at least six weeks. Then there was the election campaign. There was a four-week period built into the Bill. They were talking about three months under the regional list sys-tem—and that was if the regional planning areas which were the basis for the larger constituencies

basis for the larger constituencies were accepted.

Given the limited number of seats available and the limited nature of the European Assembly, he recommended that the House should adopt the regional list system for the elections to the assembly in the free vote tonight.

He could do this happily without agreeing that it should be done for the Scottish and Welsh Assemblies. There he stood by the superior advantages of the simple majority system.

system.

The regional list system would enable speedier progress to be made and was liable to produce a more representative result than a simple majority system. When simple majority system. Wher there were only 81 seats the swing-would be exormous between elec-

Mr Douglas Hurd, Opposition

Mr Donglas Hard, Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Mid Oxon, C) said there had been an attempt to link embusiasm for Europe with support for the regional list. He found that argument irritating and illogical.

Although he favoured electoral reform in the United Kingdom and had spoken and voted accordingly, it would be a missive to depart from the existing system for the first round. Direct elections were a major innovation; it would be a mistake to introduce a major innovation on the system of elections at the same time.

There had been a great deal of obscure and misleading talk about timing. Mr Gallaghan in particular had smudged his words so as to convey different impressions to different people as to what he was up to.

If the Cottenment anowed by more days in committee and me-mai times to: the other processes, the Opposition had worked ran-that they would arrive at Royal that he May 24 under the regional list system. If that were so, it would be not late to reach the target date.

Tighter of rules

The Opposition had made two assumptions; that the Government would get a timetable motion-immediately after Christmas and that they would be prepared to spend two days a week in commu-tice until the Bill left the House. Mr Recs had said under the regional his system the country would need three months after the date of Royal Assent before direct electrons could be held. That meant Royal Assent would have to be before the end of March. That target date could only be men if the to devote all the legislative time available to the Bill, knye on one side the Scottish and Welsh Assembly Bills and treat this Bill as a

matter of urgency The Opposition had believed that the guillotine should not be brought before an orderly tote of the system. Now the Government had, as the Opposition suggested brought forward this proposal brought forward this proposal before them are any suggested by sefore there was any suggestion a timetable motion, it was fair to say it would be easier for the Opposition to provide some form of acquescence if it came to a nmetable motion later on. supposing the House decided in favour of the first-past-the-post, it might be clove, the Governments of the first-past-the-post, it night be clove, the Governments of the first-past the small point they had been making. It would be important for the Government to reconstiller the view of the House with The key to the question of time was the political will of the Government to see the Bill through.

Chances of being ready 'very, very remote'

Mr Edward Heath (Beziey, Sidcup, C) said direct elections were important in themselves. They would make the EEC both in itself and the rest of the world a democratic Community.

Mr Bryan Gould (Southampton, This was because of the ease and the rest of the world a democratic was that anyone who wished to be formed in Britin, with 635 constinencies and many of the sents being returned with small majorities, because things roughly worked themselves out on the maintenance view.

Mr Bryan Gould (Southampton, This was because of the ease and strengths of the present system was that anyone who wished to be formed into the maintenance of the ease and the fairness of the

They now knew that a practical solution based on a reasonable parity of representation could be achieved on the basis of assembly constituencies with their familiar voting procedures, and that this said be done within the same of election to the House. If they parameters of time as applied to the regional list system.

If they now knew that a practical lity of franchise. He would not be aparty to any piece of legislation approached in such an unprinciple, ambiguous way.

Mr. Alexander Lyon (York, Lab) gaid be was spatist PR as a means of election to the House. If they were to pass the Bill into law unamended it would give an unwhich Britain gave its parliamentary system had kept it.

As a system of proportional representation, the added member system was preferable. But it the choice had to be made between first-part-the-post and the regional list then the regional list was preferable.

There was not one single distribution of the conservatives in supporting the regional list system, but there were strong disadvantages on the other courses. If there was a guillotine—and he would support one because of the importance of the subject—be did not see that it was necessary for

Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Batterses, North, Lab) said this plan was being foisted upon the House because the Liberal Party wanted to increduce proportional representation into the normal electoral system of the country. importance of the subject—he did not see that it was necessary for the Government to give up the whole of its legislative sime to get the fill through. The Government would have to give proper time under a guillotine for the Bill.

He had no doubt that elections on the regional list system could be carried through by the sine to give sood etrough for me.

On the regional list system could be carried through by the sine L) add he supported proportional representation by single transferable vote, but faced with choice of first-past-the-post or the regional

Mr Colin Phipps (Dudley, West, Lah) said be would be voting for proportional representation not to keep alive the pact between Labour and Liberals or in the belief it would one day be used for Westminster, but because it was the only fair and proper system to be used for the European elections.

Mr. William Crais' (Relbert Fast. Mr William Craig' (Belfast, East, Vanguard) said that from his expe-rience a country would run into a lot of crooble once it had a plana-lity of franchise. He would not be

Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab) said he was against PR as a means of election to the House. If they were to pass the Bill into law unamented it would give an unnecessary fillip to the campaign for PR in this country. It was the thin end of the wedge. PR led to a weaker form of government. Mr George Reid (Rast Stirlingshire and Clackmannan, Scot Nat) said his party would abstain in the vote and expected the regional list system would full by a substantial majority. It would prefer singlemember seats with the alternative vote system of PR.

Mr David Howell, an Opposition

Mr David Bowell, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Guildford, C) said the chances of meeting the May-June target wert minimal because unless the business of the House and the Government's affective and the construction of the construction

Mr Merlyn Rees said they were ther asking for a vote in favour of PS in any other form of assembly. This is not the said a Trojan horse. It is not the thin end of the

We are talking about an assembly that does not spewn a government that is advisory and supervisory. The list system is appropriate to Europe. There will be created a different type of representative,

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perhaps with a regional interest, not in competition with this House.

There was, he went on, a timing problem and it was not due to any dilatoriness—(Conservative laughter)-but because a minority government was much more in the hands of the House of Commons. It was the Commons that would decide tonight. Undoubtedly on the first-past-

Undoubtedly on the inst-past-tine-post system the chances of being ready for May-June were very very remote. If the House voted for the regional list system, which had many advantages in the context of Europe, they could be ready for May-June. It was for the House to decide which it wanted. Timing was in the hands of the House. The amendment was carried by 319 votes to 222—majority against the Government, 97.

The committee stage was

Greater regularity of prison visits wanted

House of Lords
There seemed little doubt that the rules in this country retained to the correspondence of prisoners were more restrictive than those which generally prevailed in, western Encope, the Earl of Longford (Lab) said in opening a debate on communication between prisoners and the general public.

He would have thought the House could the general public.

He would have thought the house of their "them " and desirable fig introduced in minimal and consists while range of binman chapsing multiplication between prisoners of their "them " and its considering the frequency with house considering the maintain and develop the setting to sold; "a " psychology."

Lord Gardiner said he, too, favoured a review of the restrictions to binman chapsing while their house considering the frequency with house outside helped to break the prison rules were a prisoner might contact between a prisoner might contact their correspondence or the favoured a review of the restrictions.

Lady Sharples said that without regarded as minimum entricements, their most immants correspondence of letters and particularly the regularity of wish was one of the minimum entricements. Lady Sharples said the restriction of visits was one of the minimum entricements. Lady Sharples said the restriction of visits was one of the minimum entricements. Lady Sharples said the restriction of visits was one of the minimum entricements. Lady Sharples said the restriction of visits was one of the minimum entricements. Lady Sharples said the restriction of visits was one of the minimum entricements. Lady Sharples said the restriction of visits was one of the minimum entricements. Lady Sharples said the restriction of visits was one of the minimum entricements. Lady Sharples said the restriction of visits was one of the minimum entricements. Lady Sharples said the restriction of visits was one of the minimum entricements. Lady Sharples said the restriction of visits was one of the minimum entricements. Lady Sharples said the restriction of visits was one of Parkamentary motices
House of Commons on Congolistic form of the prison of the prison system.

Changes were coming in this term of Greenwich, Ministregard, whether or not they liked it. Let it not be said that Estatan wanted the Home Office, said be the prison of the

and desirable. The Home Secretary and myself are determined to try to do our best to achieve it.

The debate concluded.

The Local Government (Scotland)
Bill completed its report stage and
the Medicel Bill completed its report

Mr Norman Atkinson (Harioney, Tottenham, Lab)—Will be reiterate that last statement? Will be clear up any ambignity that may exist among TUC people in the sense that he is saying that there is now no necessity for any worker to take a further reduction in his living standard this year, and that Council of Ministers prepared to concede half the increases in regional fund sought by MPs

Strasbourg The Council of Minksters and the EEC Commission urged Parliament to avoid a conflict with the Council o avoid a conflict with the constant over the size of the regional fund. Nr Mark Eyskens, the Belgian Minister for Finance, on behalf of the Council and Mr Curistopher Commissioner for

rugendhat, Commissioner for budget and financial courtol, were speaking in a debate which marked the final stage of the budget proce-After modifications on the draft After modifications on the draft budget, the Council set a figure of \$30m European units of account for the commitment appropriation for the regional fund, and Parliament asked that the figure should be 750m EUA, the original proposal by the Commission. Voting on the 1978 budget will take place on Thursday.

28,559,000 EUA in commitments, and the acceptance in modified form by the Council of further the council of purpose the council of the cou amendments by Parliament tonling 745,000 EAU in payments and 43,089,000 EUA in commitments. It sought amendments in energy, regional, industrial, and food aid policies.

Mr Shaw said that this year Parliament with the Council constituted the budgetary authority. Parlia-ment's position had become much ment's position has become much.

Mr Michael Shaw (Scarborough, stronger and its responsibilities in stronger and its responsibilities in spending and raising money greatbehalf of the Parliament's Committee on Budgets, which approved the application of VAT as an own

resource of the Community with effect from January 1, 1978, and welcomed the use of the new European unit of account as the unit for the budget.

The report deplored the fact that the Council sacepted only one of 13 modifications approved by far-liament and noted with satisfaction the acceptance without modifications to the Council of amendments by Parliament totalling Parliament totalling partial parliament totalling parliament totalling prepared to carry out further prepared to committee on compulsory expenditure and on compulsory expenditure and on compulsory expenditure to make conciliation that the original draft budget had been based on selective moderation. Although the European ecomonic situation had not been revived completely, expenditure policy had no be organized in a more expansionist way and that had had a favourable influence on the Council and Parliament committee on Budgets had not feit on non-compulsory expenditure was originally 630m. EUA, and on compulsory expenditure regional fund or to accept the willingness on both sides.

Last right a majority of the Committee on Budgets had not felt prepared to carry out further reductions in the amount for the regional fund or to accept the Council's position, which did not represent a sufficiently substantial increase in the activities of the fund, A minority felt that might introduce a conflict with the Council, although it was agreed that such a conflict should not be Parliament's responsibility.

Later today a parliamentary hament's responsibility.

Later today a parliamentary delegation would meet with the President in Office of the Council to discuss the new situation created by the firm decision taken by the Committee on Budgets, He would report the outcome on Thursday.

Mr Eyskens, for the Council, said

ensure that the community should ensure that the community should ensure that the community appropriations were used efficiently and effectively and it was up to Philiament to decide whether it wanted a major clash between it and the control. the relationship between Purlia-ment and the Council and they should not risk transferming it into the worst year by failing to make headway.

that the original draft budget had been based on selective moderation. Although the European I economic situation had not been revived complexely, expenditure policy had to be organized in a more expansionist way and that had had a favourable influence on the Council The difference between the Council and Parliament on the decision on the tween the Council and Parliament on the decision on the tween the Council and Parliament on the decision on the tween the Council and Parliament on the decision on the tween the Council and Parliament on the decision on the tween the Council and Parliament on the decision on the tween the Council and Parliament on the decision on the tween the Council and Parliament on the decision on the tween the Council and Parliament on the decision on the tween the Council and Parliament on the decision on the tween the Council and Parliament on the decision on the tween the fund.

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The Council's decision on the problems over its renewal; The future of European talked of a strains. The regional inflation was the source of the f

isons were determined by the level of commitments and payments could not be undertaken unless the commitments were there.

The Commission was imited by the commitments and rate of advised to increase the commitments and rate of advised to increase the commitment present ments of the regional regional fand from SSUM EUA to regional fund was that its rate of spenging had kept up with the rate of commitments. He was andone that the

finger of it impresses the first on its face.

M. Cointat (France, DEP) said that per cent for commitment appropriate on the regional pressions, and an increase of 51 pressions. fund were delicate and complex, and because it involved non-compulsory expendiques Parliament Council's good will. had the last word. A compromise Mr Tugendhat said that if there must be sought.

Herr Erwin Lange (Germany, Soc), chairman of the Committee on Budgets, said that an addition

cent on payment appropriations. Those concessions showed the was more understanding so that the Council did not chop down

everything that was pur up for consideration, it would be easier to of 1m EUA to the 580m EUA have more room for manoeuwe. would represent a token gesture of Mr Shaw said there had been consafeguarding the rights of Parliament against encroachment by the Council and there was no alternative to reaching council. If the Council went against Parliament it would mean that there would be no oudget sense.
Both sides have moved (he said).

from January 1, 1978.

Mr Ryskeus, replying to the debate, said that the Council of Ministers was prepared to accept half of the increases considered necessary by Parliament in its amendments, which would be 70m EUA of Parliament's used by form the price of which have never been obtained in the history of this Parliament. The following the price sho through our fingers now.

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Equestrianism

of rules on amateur status

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris When the general assembly of the International Equestrian Federation opened at the palais de Congoes in Brussels yesterday the most interesting subject on the agenda was a farther scrutiny of the versed question of amateurand professional status

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Prince Philip, president of the
federation sisce 1965, said that the
outstionsaite which is required to
be filled in for each Olympic rider
by his national federation is only,
rarely sent, into headquarters.
From now on it will be obligatory,
and the new forms will have at the
end a declaration, which must be
signed by the president of the
federation roucerned, stating: "I
believe to the best of my knowledge that the answers to this
ruestionsaite are accurate." If the
forms, are not returned, each
defaulting federation will simply
have its entries refused.

New roles have been framed for

New rules have been framed for the world show jumping champion these. For some time, various have attempted to alter is formula by which the four tallists swap houses in the last tallists of the riders is emselves are not in agreement, and the international Riders Federation have voted unanimously to retain this fascinating facet

The topic everyone was awaiting so eagerly, the possible probition of the use of the pain killing, and inflammatory drug phaying agone (Butosolida) in competition between

Tightening Cope gets first cap after career of ups and downs

Lahore, Dec 13

The England team to play Pakistan here tomorrow, in the first test match of the three-match series, contains two new caps—Rose, the new Somerser captain, and Cope, of York-shire. Although he retired to bed this afternoon with a chill. Botham would have been in the eleven had it been considered that medium pace might be of more use than spin.

With only five specialist batsmen

With only five specialist batsmen in the side, Rose at number three-bears a heavy responsibility. He is another young Englishman to have benefited from the interchange of cricketers between one country and another, which now happens more and more. This time last year he was playing grade cricket and coaching in Perth, Western Australia, where he made a useful number of runs and gained valuable experience.

Cope looked to have lost his chance and gained valuable experience.

Cope looked to have lost his chance of playing in a Test match when he narrowly missed selection for the Madras game against India earlier this year. But the selectors, surprisingly, I thought, preferred him to Emburey for this tour (Emburey, by the way, made a good start with five wickets for 51 runs in his first club match in Melbourne recently) and tomorrow, after a career of ups and downs, including a temporary suspension while he made repairs to his action, Cope achieves his great ambition which is a triumph for perseverance

severance. severance.

His rather better control, as well perhaps as his obduracy with the bet, got him the vote ahead of Edmonds, a cricketer of such flair that one hopes to see him in the side before long. One of the first things Cope

did on hearing of his selection, was to write to Johnny Wardle, who has done more than anyone to help him. This will be the eleventh Test This will be the eleventh Test match between England and Pakistan in Pakistan. Of the first 10, nine were drawn: the other, here in Labore in 1960/61, was won by England, the losing Pakistan side being captained by Wing Commander Intriaz Ahmed, the present chairman of their selectors.

tors, and England's one century maker being ken Barrington, now manager of Brearley's side. If anything the absence of the Packer players improves the chances of a result in tomorrow's match. An of a result in tomorrow's match. An England side with Miller at number six, Old at seven and Taylor at eight is more vulnerable than one with Greig at six. Knott at seven and Old at eight, which was what the order was a year ago, almost to the day, in the first Test match against India at Delhi, and which it probably would be now but for Packer. be now but for Packer.

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Similarly, Pakistan, in theory at any rate, should be nothing like as hard to bowl out as they would be if Asif, Majid, Mushtak, Zabeer and Imran were playing. Of the four most experienced bansmen in their side tomorrow—Sadiq, Wasim Raja, Javed Miandad and Haroou Rashid—the last three all like to chance their arm. It was Javed who made such a spectacular start to his Test career against New Zealand in Pakistan last year. Then, for Pakistan in Australia and

New Zealand in Pakistan last year. Then, for Pakistan in Australia and the West Indies, and for Sussex in the county championship, he has rather been brought back to earth. It is customary on the eve of a Test march to use the team dinner to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition. But as Barrington said this afternoon: "They have still

23 who might play and we can't sort them all out." This, of course, in-cludes Mr Packer's hirelings, who may yet drop out of the skies half an hour before the start. Whatever happens, though, the weather is per-fect and the ground in good shape.

For the second day running the England players have had trouble finding good practice conditions. Having found the net wickets at the main stadium quite unusuable they returned this morning to the Gymkhana Club, where the groundstaff had put in some hard work to provide what was wanted. In deference to Willis, Old and Lever, they look to have made as lifeless a Test wicket as possible. Not long ago Bernard Flack was brought out to Lahore from Edghacters to see whether he could be baston to see whether he could do anything to sharpen it up but the English grass found the hear of a Punjabi summer more than it could stand so that we are back again with a slab of mud—dead flat and as green as a coffin.

The Pakistan team still had not been named tonight and is expected to be announced shortly before play

England's Test team J. M. Brearley (Middlesex, cap-

G. Boycott (Yorkshire) C. Rose (Somerset) D. W. Raudall (Nottinghamshire) G. R. Roope (Surrey)
G. Miller (Derbyshire)
C. M. Old (Yorkshire)
R. W. Taylor (Derbyshire) G. A. Cope (Yorkshire)

J. K. Lever (Essex) R. G. D. Willis (Warwickshire)

Rose: Somerset's captain bears a heavy responsibility.

Australians win after Lillee breaks

Albury, New South Wales, Dec 13.—Dennis Lillee led an Australian XI to a 17-run vectory over a West Indian side at the sportis ground here today. Lillee's return to the attack late in the game gave the Packer Australians the took three wirkers and held a brilliant catch to dismiss the opening batsman, Fredericks, who stored 93. stored 93.

scored 93.

Lillee had Roberts leg before for 46 and four runs later Mallet claimed Padraore for one run and the game was finithed after 52.2 overs. The Australians had totalled 385 for nine in their innings, and dismissed the West Indian, for

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Fredericks scored lifs runs in the first period of play over 115 minutes and hit 12 fours during his stay. When he was dismissed by Gilmour, the West Indians slumped to five for 139.

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winning will be considered markedly lower than if the contests had taken place in this country. Wart will be relargement. Not only is his few been title at stake but n'so his news acquired No 2 world ranking and his manager. Terry Lawless, and lust night: "We would have taken a good deaf less to have the fight in this country."

Aird and Watt, who is 29, the size of the purses represents surprise Christinas presents, And they stand to be considerably increased of the contests are relevised, as will almost certainly be the case. The best offer for the heavyweight contest from Britain was a total of \$25,000 compared with Madrid's \$28,000. For the Watt hour, it was \$5,000 less than the Spanish promoter's bid of \$21,600.

It will be Watt's third Euro-pean championship contest but Aird's first title bout in a long career. It is a just reward for a bover who has been on the fringe.

Greg Page, considered the best American hope for the 1950 Olympic heavyweight boxing gold medal, pounded Vyacheslav Alekeyev for two rounds before the bout was halled.—Reuter.

Roy Hilton, a tormer A.B.A. champion, who brased for England in the 1974 Commonwealth Comes in New Zealand, has been reported

for allegedly striking the referee in a contest at Coventry on Mon-day. Hilton, said to have landed two punches on the face of head referee. Kevin Lynch, could face a possible life han if the case is

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Aird offered £13,500 for

European title bout

Billy Aird, the often overlooked Liverpool heavyweight,
who is not even British champton,
will earn the remarkable sun of
113,500 for meeting Alfredo
Evangelists for the European
heavyweight title in Madrid in
late January or uarly February.

Jim Watt, of Glasgow, will be
paid £12,600 for defending the
European lightweight championship against Pedro Fernandez in
Saragoza, Spain, in a contest due
to take place within the next two

to take place within the next two

months.

Both men will be earning by far the biggest purses of their careers thanks to two remarkable bids by a Spanish promoter whose purse offers for the two contests, disclosed by the European Boxing Union yesterday, was far in excess of anything offered by British promoters.

This is a further indication of the big money available in European boxing today, although both British boxers will have to suffer the disudvantages of operating abroad in front of partisan crowds. Their chances of

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liss Galica: European section of championship could be icr greatest test but she is confident of qualifying regularly.

Miss Galica in a Hesketh for Argentine event

Ily John Blunsden

The motor racing career of former British sid team captain, Davina Galica, is about to take an important step forward. With the racking of Olympus Cameras she as been named as the sole works triver of the Hesketh formula one tom for 1978, and will be driving a Hesketh-Ford 308E which I pert Keegan handled this year in which has since been rebuilt to a revised rear wing and side 1936.

The intention is for Miss Galica take part in every world cham-onship race, beginning with the reentine Grand Prix in January. The has already driven her new care to be treed on the wet, and after completing a sid coaching commitment on the Coutinent she will fly out to Argentina on January 4 to begin several days of testing prior to the official qualifying trials on the Bueros Aires circuit. Although she is a stranger to

the first four circuits on the 1978 calendar—in Argentina, Brazil, South Africa and California—it is the early races in the European section of the championship which she believes will give her her greatest test. She is condident of her shility to qualify the Hesketh regularly, but should the world championship trail prove too difficult an assignment for her she will switch her effort towards the recently announced 12-race British formula one championship.

Peter Hout, brother of former world champion James Hunt, has become Davina Galica's racing manager, and with the hacking of a well-financed and experienced manager, and with the hacking of a well-financed and experienced works team, who will be supplying her with both a race car and a spare, she has an excellent oppor-tunity to demonstrate her true worth in the highest echelon of the sport. There can be few who have followed her sporting career to date who will not want to wish her well.

Motorcycling

Read returns full time

Phil Read, eight times world champion, is returning to full-time motorcycling in 1978 to ride a modified Bonda 750 F2 in the new eight-race formula one series and the Isle of Man formula one TT. He will also ride an Endurance Honda in the Superbike series, a 10-race series decided on a points total.

Read, who has turned down a number of offers to return to the

Davis Cup hero knocked out in first round

Sydney, Dec 13.-The Australian over Michael Cabill, also of the United States. United States.

MEN'S SINCLES: First round J
New onde (Australia) beat J. Freeder
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(W. Germany) beat W. Biocher (US),
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Smith (US), (—3. 6—7.
Smith (US Davis Cup hero John Alexander. was knocked out of the New South Waleş open tennis championships in the first round today by an unknown American, George Hardie. Hardie scored a 6—7, 7-6, 7-5 victory over Alexander, who won both his singles matches in Australia's Davis Cup victory over-Italy earlier this month.

The Davis Cup obviously took a lot out of Alexander. He was also beaten early last week in the South Australian championships in Adelaide.

Australian reseran, overcame John Feaver of Britain 6-2, 6-2. Viras Gerulaitis, of the United States, achieved a 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 victory

Yesterday's results SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier divi-tion: Bantot. 2. AP Leaguington 1. First Cristion: North: Banbury 2. Welling-berouth; 3. Witney Town 2. Clouces-

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Greenwood looking for responsible players

QPR after

just 19 matches

Ernie Bowe, Fulham's 24-year old centre half, is poised to play for Queen's Park Rangers againgt Liverpool on Saturday at Anfield. Howe was immediately lined up to join QPR after QPR's manager, Frank Sibley, bad completed the £140,000 sale: of David Needham to Nottingham Forest, the first division leaders after just 19 senior matches for the London club.

Mr Sibley's expenditure on Howe will be £50,000. He might have had to pay double had How not appealed successfully to an independent tribunal Derby County's Republic of Ire-

an independent tribunal
Derby County's Republic of Ireland midfield player Gerry Daly
has come off the transfer list at
his own request. Daly was listed
last mouth after Tommy Docherty,
his manager; accused him of
"messing the club about"

Middlesbrough's midfield player Graeme Somess plans talks this week over his future. The 24-year-old Scottish international is unsettled after his club rejected Liverpool's £325,000 bid for him

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
On his first morning as England's permanent football manager, Ron Greenwood decided that it was not too soon to dismiss the idea that he was "a bloody intellectual". He went on m say that what he considered more important was to have a lot of good players and a lot of commonsense. He had never used a blackboard in his life and would nor start now.

In a lengthy outline of his philosophy be revested no resolutionary plans but attempted to clarify a few points of details about his position as well as giving an indication of the way England may develop under his guidence at least until the sammer of 1850 when his contract expires. That date was one of the first point to be raised. Was there time to rebuild? Why was it such a short rebuild? Why was it such a short refull of New years and a lot of someting with the said: "Time deesn't worry me. I told them that? I didn't want a contract. I said that if even in the first year they wented a section would be OK. They need not have made a specific time. I went to be part of someting, which is going to make finding which is going to make a caccing own and the worly player a well as giving an and the contract expires. That date was one of the first point to be raised. Was there time to rebuild? Why was it such a short period?

He said: "Time deesn't worry me. I told them that? I didn't worry who can give advice on the teams of his iwo main rivals for the the first year they wented a manager of someting which is going to make a contract would be OK. They need not have made a specific time. I went to be part of someting, which is going to make for the would work in the first was sound the first was not, he said.

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Needham leaves | Day when North brought

By Stuart Jones

The distant surrounds of biorbury were already littered with
lights by the time the Public
Schools six-a-side tournament
ended yesterday. After six hours
of continuous play, Hulme Grammar School, the outstanding side,
stepped up to receive the cup
from Sir Harold Thompson, the
chairman of the Football Association.

flow.

Hulme's path started in the haze of early morning. Grouped with Hampton, Kimbolton, and Bradfield, they showed no favouritism, and dismissed each of them 3—0. They entered the last eight with five other Northern compariots—Bolton, Bury Grammar School, Malvern, Wolverhampton Grammar School, Malvern, Wolverhampton Grammar School, Chester.

By then, the difference in approach had become clear. Those from the north used punctuation —commas, colons and even full

By Stuart Jones

South to a full stop

Eton and Alleyn's, holding high the southern flag, both fell at the same hurdle, in the quarter-tinal round. Their conquerors, Bury and Bolton, then faced each other in a dour, tight affair, settled by a lone goal in Bolton's favour.

In the other semi-final, Hulme, inspired by Clegg, gave a memorable display in routing Wolver-hampton 7—0, no mean feat in 14 minutes. Clegg, a full-back with Blackpool reserves, scored four himself.

four himself.

The final, played under an over darkening ceiling, was lit up by the two goalkeepers and ended, now surprisingly, in a scoreless draw. But Hulme, showing tactical swareness, took the title 2—1 on corners. It was no less than they deserved. The early favourites, their defence remained unbeaten and their collective opposition picked the ball out of the net 19 times.

Mr Greenwood added: "There are emerging now people with courage to take us back to positive football. There are more goals, more adventure, more people playing wide and more people showing skill. Let's forget how defensive we were. Let's go forward." He felt that possibly the only reason why England had fallen behind internationally was because there had not been an established team. Now that people were getting had not been an established team. Now that people were getting disenchanted with defensive football he boped to see teams taking chances. His personal concept of deal football was "an expression of courage". In the past it was called the "whiri" and more recently "total football". Related to his plans it was "orither typically English nor typically continental".

The England players will prob-

The England players will probchange from the era of Don Revie.

They may not be asked to report to an note: on the weekend before a midweek match. Mr Greenwood said that the players had rold him they would prefer to play on the Saturday and so maintain their normal pattern. "They said they were bored", he admitted. "I would prefer to bave them in a happy frame of mind."

Smith recalls Curtis to Wales attack through their prose at a consis-tently fast pace without a pause. They soon ran out of breath.

Germany in an international match here tomorrow, today recalled Alan Curtis, of Swansea, to the arack.

Curtis will fit in alongside Nick Deacy, of PSV Eindboven, in the absence of Liverpool's John Tosback. Birmingham's Malcolm Page has recovered from a calf injury and is included.

TEAM: D. Davies (Wesham): L.

Joe Jordan, Leeds United's Scottish International striker, described reports that he had rejected a £30,000 signing-on fee to Join the Dutch side Ajax and a further £800 a week as ridiculous.

Second victory for Russians New Origins. Dec 13.—The Soviet Union heat the United States 5—2 in the second of their two amateur international heavy weight boxing matches here last night. The Soviet Union also took the first match 6—4 last week in Las Vegas. The Soviet boxers won the first four bouts on the programme to

Dortmund, W Germany, Dec 13.

Michael Smith, manager of the
Wales football team to face West
Germany in an international match

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Nardiello (Coventry City)—Reuter.

Skiing

Stenmark in sight | British team for of record in World Cup

four bours on the programme to ctinch the outcome. One of their victories came from Igor Vysotsky, who holds a win over Cuba's Olympic champion, Teofilo Stevenson, Vysotsky stalked Charles Garrett for three rounds

Charles Garrier for three founds for a manimous decision.

A 23-year-old local prisoner.
Phillip Brown, scored the most popular victory, coming back from an early cut eye to out-point Viktor Tareschenko in the night's most exciting contest. He

Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy, Dec 13.—Ingemar Stenniark of Sweden, collecting more than 1.5 Sweden, collecting more than 1.5 seconds over the field on the second leg, won the first slatom of the men's World Cup season here today. The 21-year-old Swederous came within one victory of the record of 24 World Cup wins by Gestina Theoni of Iraly. Fittingly, Stammark's first win in the World Cup was on the same course here three years ago. He is the holder of the trophy.

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His time over the two legs was 110.82 sec lying tnird after the first leg, he sped through the 68 gates on the second run in 55.03 sec. Austra's Klava Heideggar, runner-up to Stenmark in last year's World Cep, was second in 112.13 sec. Leading after the first run, he lost almost two seconds to the Swede on the second leg. Third in the provisional classification was Bojan Krizaj of Yugoslavia, European junior champion, and fourth was Phil Mahre, an American.

In Flaine (France) West Gur-

In Flaine (France) West Germany's Evi Mittermaler and Monika Bader captured the top two places for the second day running in a women's European Cup downhill race, but in the opposite order from vesterday. Miss Minermaier, second yester

day, won today's event in 1min 45.38xec, with 18-year-old Miss Bader, yesterday's winner, comin; second in 1min 46.37xec. Both share top position in the European Cup standings with a tally of 45 points each after two races. Berne. Det 13.—The Interna-tional Ski Federation today rejec-ted an Italian claim that Austrian skier Franz Kimmer wore a non-

regulation soit when he won a World Cup downhill race at Val d'Isère. France, last Sunday. Klammer's suit was officially tested after the race and found to be perfectly in order, the FIS said.

By Dennis Bird
There are no surprises in the team announced by the National Skaring Association vesterday in tempore in this season's international figure skaring contests.

After her continuous victors in the Relich association chamiltonian in

championships

After her convincing victors in the British women's championshin in December. Sarena Richardson, frum Stanboer, Middlesex, was an obvious choice for the Euroman event in Strasbourg (January 3) to February 4/ and the subsequent world championships in Outawa (March 7 to 11).

The number of nominees eligible depends on how well a countro's representatives, performed last time. As no British qui finished in the top 10 in 1977. Miss Richardson will be the sole entront? her chief rival, Deborah Cottrill (Solthuill) is named as reserve. rival, Deborah Cattrill (Solihail) is named as reserve.

Robin Consins (Bristol), there in the last European Chemionoshin, will compete for boin European and world fittes, and is in such fine tree skating form at present that be may do even better in 1978. Only his compolory figures raise a doubt. Andrew Bestwick (Blackpool) will also compete Warren Marwell and Janet Thompson (Queen's Ice Club), runners an in the 1977 world dance championship, head the ice. dance champion hip, head the ice No senior pair skaters are being sent abroad this winter, but a

sent abroad this winter, but a promision Bristol curinership will be entered for the International Skating Union's junior championships at Megeve, France (March 22 to 25). They are Robert Day, and 11-year-old Susan Gerland.

Miss Pichter retires

E Berlin, Dec 13.—Ulrike Richter, the triple Olympic champlan and warid record helder for the 100 metres backstroke raday announced her retirement from competitive swimming. The 1S-year-old from Drosden said that she wanted to train as a beauti-

Latest European snow reports

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An addition to the British ski team who keeps the members from going downhill

A therapeutic touch on the slippery slopes

Stewart Finsimmons made no bones about it. "Let's put it this way", he said. "If it hadn't been for her I wouldn't have been racing today. He is a member of the British Alpine ski team; the Lenifer Brown is a member. she, Jennifer Brown, is a member of the team but in a totally dif-ferent capacity.

ferent capacity

Asked what her standard of sking was, she told me at Val d'Isjare last week she "could do parallels in good conditions". But, then, her expertise lies elsewhere. She is a physiotherapist (hence the sturmingly subtle pun at the beginning of this article), the first the National ki Federation of Great Britain (NSF) have ever employed. Before we go any farther, "employed" needs clurification.
Miss Brown's engagement, for three months ending in the middle of February, is on an expenses-only basis. Deducting the four of February, is on an expensesonly basis. Deducting the four
weeks paid holiday and/or superannuation, while on leave of
absence from Charing Cross
Hospital, the loss of earnings
will be about £450. On top
of that she lashed out on new
clothing, to a large extent
unnecessarily, an amount not far
short of £200. She was not to
know that high quality clothing
would be supplied to her as a
member of the staff in the Alps.

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Miss Brown was one of bil of so who answered an advertisement in August announcing that the NSF required a physic (everyone seems to use the abbreviation) for the Alpine team. She remained after a number of filtering processes had eliminated all her competitive She met the British team for the first time at Hintertux, Austria, a month ago "feeling really nervous because I was among a lot of strangers and wasn't sure what to

She met the British team for the first time at Hintertux, Austria, a month ago "feeling really nervous because I was among a lot of strangers and wasn't sure what to expect". She had been warned by one of the doctors at Charing Cross that "everyone would be hyper and I'd be a bit of a pervous wreck at the end of the three months. But they're a much more drians." If there's nothing wrong a nice feeling."

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Jennifer Brown, a Charing Cross Hospital physiotherapist,

treating Stuart Fitzsimmons, a member of the British Alpine ski team, with her ultra-sonic "box of tricks" at Val d'Isère.

relaxed group of people than I imagined ". Within half an hour of her

arrival she was treating her first patient, Anne Robb, who had dampatient, Anne Robb, who had damaged an ankle. The next day "four or five people came in with aches and pains". There has not been a single day since when she, and the complex equipment at her command, have not been called upon. But, she insists, she will not turn them into hypochondriacs. "If there's nothing wrong with them I tell them", she added. "I can be firm when I need to be. I want to create the

pionships at Garmisch-Partenkir-chen in February. I shall be sur-prised if they do not think the money well spent. If, as I sup-pose, she will have to be judged on results she has, in a technical sense, already produced some.
Fitzsimmons and Hazell Hutcheon
would both have forfeited races. and therefore results, 'at Val d'Isère without her ministrations. I like them to think I can keep them racing", she says. "It's a nice feeling."

the third musketeer, back to full firmess after a severe attack of gastric flu.

I asked Susan Berry, a member of the NSF's alphae communtee, who was at Val d'Isère, for an opinion of their new acquisition.

"I think she's doing a magnificent job", she said. "Regular treatment of strains and bruises is vital. Physiotherapy is something that can be done successfully only if it is done regularly, which was impossible when we used to have to beg help from other teams. As a person, she fits in extremely well with the team and is very sensitive to busing moods." Had this ministering angel and her box of tricks not happened on

the scene, Fitzsimmons, so he says "would have been lying in my room and moping last week instead of being able to work on

She speaks in the clipped, pre-clse English you would expect of a woman who was educated at an English boarding school and rose English boarding school and rose to be ward sister. To be exact, she did not become a ward sister. Her qualification as an orthopaedic nurse was designed to provide her with a grounding in general medicine before taking physiotherapy at Guy's. At 29, she is now a "senior one physto", in charge of rebabilitation at Charing Cross. She was also responsible for setting up a physiotherapy department at Rosslaud, a Canadian ski resort.

Miss Brown, alas, thinks "this is a one-off thing" because she doubts if Charing Cross would give her leave of absence again. In that

her leave of absence again. In that case she would probably be able to recommend someone else if the To recommend someone case it me NSF wanted to repeat the experiment. I would jump off the nearest Alp to my left if they did not decide, by then, that what had been an experiment had become an essential requirement.

John Hennessy

Coni's election means a climb to the top of Royal Regatta tree

Peter Coni was elected resterday chairman of the com-nities of management of Henley Royal Regatta. Mr Coni's election omes as no surprise. This year was appointed vice-chairman of the committee of management of the Royal Regatts—an appointment recognized by most as that of heir apparent to Henley's key nose.

.Mr Coni succeeds John Carton, who indicated over a year ago that he would retire this year as chairman of the committee of management. Mr Garton was elected a steward of Heatley Royal Regatia in 1960, became a member of the committee for management a year large and greeningly. ber of the committee for manage-ment a year later and eventually chairman in 1966. Mr Garton steered the Royal Regatia for 12 continuous years until yesterday maintaining a regatia, which is the envy of the world in its organization and efficiency, to the highest standards in the face of continuing inflation. Mr Garton was elected president of Henley Royal Regatia at yesterday's meeting.

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Mir Coni's appointment will be popular. Mir Coni, aged 42, is a highly successful barrister who might be regarded as an "acqua whizz-kid", particularly taking into account the long history of the Royal Regatta. Mir Coni was only elected as steward of Henley Royal Regatta in 1974 and a member of the committee of management a year later. In three eyars he has risen to the top of the Royal Regatta tree. Mir Coni could also be described as a human dynamo with an insartable appetite for work which has left a long trail of successes in the sport.

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Peter Coni : should maintain Henley Royal Regatta's

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which automatically places him on the executive from where he can still influence the progress of the sport in this country.

Mr Coui's term as chairman of the ARA executive spanned what might be considered as the most successful period in the history of the ARA, Mr Coui was among the pressure group who influenced the appointment of the Crech Bohumil Janousek as the British National Coach. This was the beginning, of the long hap back in standards at international level and eight medals were won in the World, European and Olympic regattas between 1973 and 1977 after almost a decade of medal failure. His seven years in charge of the administration of British rowing witnessed, through mainly his influence, an enormous expansion in the work and the size of the ARA. He was chairman, too, of the Finance Committee for the 1975 World Rowing Championships which were held in Great Britain and needless to say they were an outstanding successful rowing coach during his short period as chief coach to Thames Tradesmen in 1973 when they won the Wyfolds' at Henley and missed the Thumes Cup by a narrow margin. He has in the last few years been closely involved in the financing and organization of London RC light crews who have gained a gold and two silver medals for Great Britain in the international championships.

All this and Mr Coni has a busy and successful practice at the Bar and a wide range of interests outside sport. Perhaps some Henley strewards a generation or so beyond Mr Coni will regard this high-filer with some caution. But I have no doubt that Mr Coni will maintain the Henley atwards a generation or so beyond Mr Coni will regard this high-filer with some caution. But I have no doubt that Mr Coni will maintain the Henley how a protess on the challenge. Succeeding a chalrusan who for 12 years has managed the affairs of this great regatta with such efficiency is no ment task. Henley is part of what is best in our British heritage and I can think of no more worth-while activity than to maintain its standards and its

Rugby Union

Clubs express anxiety over new system

By Feier West
Rugby Correspondent
The first cleas clobs, most
notably Bristol and Gloocester,
have been gesting extremely
amolous about the continuing
demands made upon their leadlag players by the new system
devised by the Rugby Football
Umon this season which knoorporates inter-regional and interdivisional matches, and provides ates inter-regional and interdivisional metabes, and provides
for the county championship to be
finished by the end of the year.

I suggested yesterday to Tom
Mehoney, the secretary of Bristol,
that if England were to have an
ounstandingly successful season,
the system would be seen to have
proved its worth, and the clubs
might be prepared to take a less
laundiced view. But his reaction
was explicit. "Even if England
win all four of their internationals" he said, "the present
arrangement could mean the end
of the first class clubs. We cannot
go on as we are now." go on as we are now."

The facts are that between

XV against the United States.

The situation is no easier in the north, where they also are committed to county rugby on Saturdays, and where more group matches are played. From October 15 to December 17 inclusive, men like Alan Old and Andy Maxwell will have been available but once on Saturdays for their clubs. Leading Lancastrians were freed for an extra day because their county failed to reach the semi-final round.

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Still on statistics, let me come back to some further observations by Mr Mahoney. One is that Bristol took £280 at the gate from their match with the previously unbeaten Moseley side last week when, if the two sides had been at full strength, they could have expected £1,000 or more. Another is that between the start of the season and Easter his club can hope to field a full strength XV only three times at home. And a October 8 and January 21, when England play their first match against France, any Gloucester-shire player who has appeared in all the county, regional and divisional matches and then qualified for the national party in Paris, will have been available on only only three times at home. And a third lament: "What future have we got at Lianelli on New Year's Eve, now that Gloucestershire are through to the county final that day?"

The know of the situation is that it was pressure from the counti-west and the north.

first class clubs—and in some areas the distate of leading players for county football—that fired Dickle Jeeps, then president of the RFU, to push through the new divisional system. Whatever else may be said about it, at least is provides the basis for a logical and thorough siting of talent. thorough sifting of talent.

However, it is clear that, sooner rather than later, something has to give, otherwise some of the top clubs will be going broke. There is a case, no doubt, for dropping the first round of interregional games or, perhaps, the division Ichmax due this Saturday. If the new regional/divisional programme is persisted with in toon, then there must be a strong case for playing all county group matches in mid-week. Some of the south-western clubs seem to be coming round to this idea, but thangs are still seen in a different light in the north.

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The RFU will never devise a system that pleases everybody. But club treasurers, if not their

Problems of the modern artist with modern popular sports

Horse an easier subject than man

It likely to be sold at kid-stuff prices.

In some ways, apart from the financial ones (and I suppose even that is not too prohibitive, when you see these vast expensive toys on sale, speaking dolls, singing dolls, widdling dolls, have you read to buy your daughter just it ordinary doll lately? They wok at you as if you were an inemployed leptr to ask for such thing). But in some ways this is certainly a pity. For one thing, so many of the artists take themelves, and the sports they portray, too seriously. The imp of humour is lacking.

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But as for High Art? Frith's amous painting of "Derby Day" as accialmed because it depicted of a race, but a national occasion: just as The Manchester

At the galleries of Frost and Reed, in Clare Street, Bristol, there is an exhibition of modern sporting paintings. It is probably the Brex time such a fining has been done, on such a scale, in this country, it will sain open the Grand National, or the Manhaman of Candon National, or the Manhaman of the Candon National, or the Manhaman or popular spectral the Candon National, or the Manhaman or the Manhaman or pathaman or the Manhaman or the State and National, or the Manhaman or the Manham subject for a paintings, or a aculp-ture—I recommend you to "Study of Jumper in 3 Phases", by Susanna Holt—than mankind. The works of art you go away remembering are those about the horses. It does make me feel that the painters of sporting homo sapien have some way to go yet, but Mr Sprawson's delightful exhibition reminds us that they are improv-

Alan Gibson

Yachting

Cudmore holds big lead

Sydney, December 13.-Harry Gibbs, of New Zealand, next in Cudmore, of Ireland, the defend- line. ing champion, skippered Silver In third place was the overall Shamrock III, held a 25-kilometre lead in the final and deciding race of the world Half-Ton champion-

points leader, Rangiriri, skippered by Peter Willcox, of New Zealand. Rangiriri was followed by the Australian champion 22-69 skipship tonight.

Silver Shamrock III was 16 One (David Forbes), of Australian Swuzziebubble skippered by Ian (Ken Beashel), of Australia.

Deal reached on TV Geneva, Dec 13.--The European television networks have reached a deal with the 1980 Winter Olympics organizers over rights for televising the games. A Euro-

pean broadcasting union (EBU) official said here today that the west and east European networks would pay \$4m for the Lake Placed rights.—Agence France-

Table-tennis ROUEN: Men: Ching heat France, 5-1. Women: Ching heat France,

Ice hockey MATTOMAL LEAGUE: Montreal Canalisms 5. Cleveland Berons 1.

American football NATIONAL LEAGUE: Dallas Cowboy 43, San Francisco 49ers 35.

Billiards CMRISTCHURCH: World clampion-ships: A. Nolan (England) best G. Parkir (Indis: 754-725: R. Kenner-ley (England) best h. Kirkness (NZ). 1.121-701: S. Alorm (Indis) best D. Meredith (NZ), 1,000-922; M. Fereira (Indis) best J. Gonty jun (Amstralia). 1.562-590.

Cricket SYDNEY: Sheffleld Shield: Queensland 233 and 378 for eight dec. New South Wales 274 and 209 (P. Tooley 55, M. Clews 44; J. Thomson, five for 70). Queensland wan be 128 rema.

Racing

Winter stars poised to light up Ascot

By Michael Seely



Sangster stands firm against big US offer for Alleged

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
The Queen's success on the turn in the silver jubilee year of her reign was acclaimed in London yesterday at the annual huncheon of the Horserace Writers' and Reporters' Association when the Derby Awards were presented. The Queen was not able to be present to receive her trophy from Lord Derby, but her racing manager, Lord Porchester, made it quite clear that she was thrilled to be voted owner of the year and that she was delighted, too, that Dunfermline, a filly that she bred, was capable of carrying her colours to victory in two classics in this of all years.

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Dunfermline is well, and will be in training again next year when the last hone to have delighted to the last hone to train Alleged as a four-year-old, and yesterday, his wife, lacqueline, who received the trainer's award on his behalf, told me that her husband was delighted to heads our Free Handicap and that Robert Sangster had resisted

goes into winter quarters at firm favourite to win the 2,000 Guiness. Apparently, Try My Best has not turned a bair since he returned home after wluming the Dewhurst Stakes, and establishing his right to be regarded as the best two-year-old in training

physically since the Arc. His programme next year is likely to entail a crack at the Prix Ganzy, the Eclipse Stakes and The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes before he attempts to enulate his great grandsire, "Due to considerable rainfall, the Ribot, who was the last horse to win the Arc twice, Mrs o'Beien also had some very encouraging things to say about Try My Best, their unbeated colt who heads our Free Handicap and the considerable rainfall, the straight, and racing has been abandaned." This brings the number of National Hunt fixtures lost this season to six.

O'Neill passes 60-mark

The leading fockey Jon Jo
O'Neill reached the 60 mark yesterday with yet another treble,
on Nice and Friendly, Ebornecessationally and Urser at Teesside. The Triumph Hurdle is the
long-term target for Urser, who
was jumping in public for the
first time. He came with a smooth
rum to bead Bandyke on the flat
in the second division of the Wynyard Novices' Hurdle, and won by
three quarters of a length, the
second jumping winner of the length and a half.

Persian Camp hits target

Southwell programme



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13 0-000 Tunis, F. Yardey, 4-10-7
5-2 Catmin, 3-1 Sust Borough, 7-2 Kiny R. 4-1 Le-Most, 12-1 Others.

1.45 CHRISTMAS STOCKING STEEPLECHASE (Handicap:

Plumpton results

1.0 HENFIELD HURDLE (2358: 2m)
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-Squamery (J. Coffett), 8-11-11
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(Handless: 2710; 2m)
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5-11-7. 3, McNolll (13-2) 7
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Jack Jigus J. Akchury (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Ambresson 6-1
Oyster Carcher (4th), 15-2 7a, Gef.
8-1 Connet Kancettof, 10-1 Young
Hancettof, 16-1 Sanady Hill, 20-1
Winshow Boy, 25-1 Royal Size, 11
INN. TOTE: Was, \$1.59; places, \$28, 11s, 12p; dual forecast, \$1.59. D. Ringer at Newmarkst. 64. 2*d. Painman did not rus.

2.30 (2.30) PETER CATALET
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Article ALSO RAN: 9-1 Brown Jock (4th). 50-1 Monksgrange, Old Smokey, 6 nm. TOTE: Win. 160: places, 11p, 27p; dual forecast, £1.09. R. Hend, at Lambourn, 151, 51.

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Lovely Kate (G. Macdonald),

4-11-0 ... P. Barton (15-8 (2v) 1

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Faronk (p) Sersia, 15 ran. TOTE: Win, 29p; places, 14p, 20c, 89p; dual forward, 44p. D. Gandolfo, at Wantage, 4, 2L

There could not have been a more appropriate winner of the Peter Cazalet Memorial Challenge Trophy at Flumpton yesterday than the former Cazalet-trained horse, Persian Camp John Francome allowed the favourite to lob along until the fifth from home, where they jumped past Bredger and went ou to win by 15 lengths.

Persian Camp won over hurdles here when trained by Cazalet, and following his death went to Frank Cundell. Then on his retirement, Mrs Arnold, a long-standing Cazalet assistant. Richard Head, to take charge of here good jumper, "I am so pleased about this as I was with Peter during the 1966/67 season". Head said. "This was an obvious target for Fersian Camp and I have aimed him at since early November." Mrs Arnold, a long-standing Cazalet Leaven, who had the 1970 Hemessy Gold Cup winner, Border Mask, was presented with the trophy by Mrs Cazalet.

13 Opti-32 Limsto, F. Colini, 6-10-0 E. R. Davies
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17-2 Sportor, 4-1 Dark Spectre, 5-1 My Captain, 5-1 Baltygartan Brook.
Loveloy, 8-1 Patromass, Indian Pyrits, 13-1 Vallow Same, 14-1 Other. 2.15 CHRISTMAS TREE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 5506:



Southwell selections By Our Racing Staff

11.15 Jock's Bond. 11.45 Humbalung. 12.15 All Amber. 12.45 Rugare. 1.15 CALMIN is specially recommended. 1.45 Spariot. 2.15 High Mark. 2.45 Sancy Upham. 3.15 Yentala. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

11.13 Amber River. 11.45 Pretty Girl. 12.15 French Saint. 12.45 Trigger. 1.45 My Captain. 2.15 Cruiscin Lan. 2.45 Prince of Pleasure. 3.15 Rosscarbery.

Teesside Park

12.45 (12.47) WYNYARD MURTILE (DV f. 3-7-0 meteos: 2240: 2m 17690) f. 3-7-0 meteos: 2240: 2m 17690) f. 5- by Be Friendy Salas (E. Curva), 11-0 ... J. O'Nell (2-1 Zav) 1 Syrkegdames .. S. J. O'Nell (9-2) 2 Jeily Tripper .. M. Elmoock (3-1) 3 ALSO 2AN: 11-3 Bothey Kempinath (f). 7-1 Away Swellow, 14-1 Silver Shadow (4th), Robkes 5009, 16-1 Lady Val. 20-1 Lea. Tertam Silver. Salam Just. 33-1 Solcholiz Pricedity Choice General Patterns. Lady Jacobse Gros. May Highest Normall. Star Gros. May Highest Normall. Star Allocation, Warning Persys Per (D), Portomore (f). 28 am. 12-1-2. 2d. 465; dual forecast, 26p. P. Rober. 2t Mainen. 1-1, 3. Light Start (Mrs S. Roberts),
S-10-13 ... G. McCourt (-1) 7

Flying Prince (Halloran (7-2 fav) 2

Bansido ... Mr R. Alner (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Clover One (4),
6-1 Atmant (4th) 7-1 Ginnfold (1),
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14-1 Boral Tat (p), 20-1 Daventry.

Grinsland, 15l, 5l.

Beau Wonder (p), 25-1 Boogie Enight (Randscap: 4-y-0; 2273; 2m 1767d)

TOTE: Win, 210: places, 11p, 15o; Mental (1), 15o; Ment AISO RAN: 11-2 Take Aim (4th). 9-1 Market Maid. 12-1 Golden Gun, valon. Trail. 20-1 The Schamer. General Symopole. 9 run. TOTS: Win. 40p; places, 19p, 14p. 12p; dual forecast, 65p, R. Carrer, at Swattern, 11. ad, The winner was bought in for 650 gas.

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Clep's Asp, ch a br Cantebay
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3.15 (2.19) WYSVARD MURDLE
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Fischer Fine Art gallery, was
strongly influenced by this
British craft tradition, particularly C. R. Ashbee's Guild of
Handuraft. He founted the
Wiener Werkstätte, a workshopstudio, in order to combat
"mass production and thoughtless innitations of bygone
styles" and tried to develop
a unity between modern rectangular architecture and trafted
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The exhibition does not include designs for his most
famous commissions, but does
have plans and photographs of
one of his private houses—the
Bernatzik House in Vienna,
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knobs is designed by Hoffmann,
and the circular dining table
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is laid with Hoffmann glass and cutlery. In 1932 he redesigned one of the rooms for the second generation of the Bernatzik family in order to incorporate their collection of tribal art and textiles. The results seem successful, solidity combined with light and variety, though more big photographic enlargements would have been helpful.

The major part of the exhibi-tion is devoted to design draw-ings for objects such as chairs, tables, vases, electropiated baskers, jewellery, coffee pois and glasses, plus a selection of some of the objects themselves. BRILLIANTLY D. Telegraph.

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A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED



Glenda Jackson and Silvio Narizzano on the set of The Class of Miss Macmichael

Narizzano and his East End kids

For eight years Glenda Jack-son has wanted to play Miss Macmichael. Oliver Reed, her co-star on one of her most successful pictures, Women in Love, wanted to play Miss Mac-michael's headmaster.

The story inseresting these two highly reputable British actors (also still British-based) actors (also still British-based) concerned an East End school for delinquent adulescents with all the universal mixed-neighboarhood, spin family problems. It was local, yet judging by such American films as Blackboard fungle, hardly perochial. Yet not one single British producer gave it a penny of finance and the thing remained a castle in the nir for American producer Judd Berward until last September when George Barry, the Ameriwhen George Barry, the American president of Bruz perfumes, made a professional decision on

the spot on an overnight trip to London. to London.

"Disgraceful", says director Silvio Nerizzano, who is just finishing the shooting in London now. "The money is coming from the United States to do the ideal mini-budget English picture. Not EMI, or Rank, or Nat Cohen, or Sir John Terry, who is supposed to have a fund of Government money, would help."

help."

Nerizzano, whose great success was Georgy Girl, is a Canadian of Italian stock, brought up in the fine television school of the Canadian Broadcusting Corporation, who has made England his home for 21 years. His father was born in Maida Vele, but the first the director saw of this country was when he came over to advise Granada in 1951 over the vise Gransda in 1951 over the birth of commercial television.

"Like most Canadians I was actually thinking of going South of the Border, down to Naw York, so I took the English contract for six months at first", he says. "I liked it here."

Curiously enough Narizzano's Curiously enough Narizzano's

last picture was also about a school, though a very different one. Unreleased here as yet, it was called Why Shoot the it was called Why Shoot the Teacher? and started Samantha Eegar as a desperate English immigrant to Canada in the Thirties. She gats briefly in-volved with an equally des-perate city school-leaver whose only possibility of a job during the Depression years is as vil-lage schoolmaster in one of those parts of Canada which seems permanently under six.

Compared with the characters in The Class of Miss Macmichael the children are charmitself, as is the story. "They
were almost too good", says
the director. "I kept saving
'Have more fun. Do silly little
things like passing notes in
class.' But they said: 'No, we'd
never get away with that.'"
Narizzano remembers his own

Narizzano remembers his own Narizzano remembers his own schooling in Montreal in the forties as being similarly sedate. He was educated first by the Protestant School Board and then by the Jesuk priests. "We used to tease the priests with things like "What girl let you down, father?" But we'd never set into the language of rever get into the language of this present film. We didn't know what the words meant."

The Class of Miss Mac-michael, apart from relving on the novel which Californian teacher Sandy Hutson wrote about her actual experiences in a London school for difficult cases, gets its authenticity from a group of children from Bernnal Green who taught the Equity children how to behave. " I said to our actors 'Those

are the children you are. Observe what they do'", says Narizzano. "They more than surpassed in the advisory capacity. There is a great frankness in the script. The fact that they know about sex. fact that they know about sex, they discuss it, that children of this age do sleep together and use foul language. It is all recorded fact, including children coming into class drunk after the kunch hour. Unbeknownst to the education authorities I looked at all their renorts about violence in the schools. use foul language. It is all recorded fact, including children
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about violence in the schools,
about the Tyndale school and
the number of schools burns. about the lynnaic schools burnt down. I don't think they would discaree with the basis of this novel. Our film certainly doesn't have a message. It would be wrong for us to have anything to say in this country in the field of education then in the field of education then pared on the subject.

"The conflict of the film is the combination of Oliver Reed, who is a strong disciplinarian with very little compassion, and Glenda Jackson, who has the compassion but very little strength. Unfortunately two such human beings rarely com-bine, so they both fail the child-

Miss Jackson, alias Miss Mac-michael, also has an American lover, the versatile Michael Murphy, who is one of Robert Altman's repertory favourites,

and recently played the writer for whom Woody Allen fronted in The Front. Their affair gives the children the endless opportunity to explore the subject of sex before marriage, which Reed points out sternly is not in the points out sternly is not in the curriculum. "His attitude is 'If you want to discuss sex, sell them wedding rings'", explains Narizzano, "to which she replies 'I am a teacher, not a jeweller'. I hope that is the level of humans and black comedy we humour and black comedy we will achieve in the film because it is after all a comedy.

"The point is that if children can see adults behaving like passionate, reasonable human beings they will want to join the human race, but what most deprived children see is adults who are not particularly attractive, starting with their own particularly. ents who are the products of divorce and alcoholism, so why should they want to join? The teacher tries to go to the educa-tion authorities about Reed, but as she is not a jeweller neither is she a politician It is garr is she a politician. It is very hard to complain about your head naster under the system working in this country where you have to get a letter from

your beadmaster to say you are going to complain about him." Narizano, a slender greying man in his late forties, has no children himself. "I am the last person to be doing anything about children, though maybe I the property of the property o there are two stars in the pic-ture, but it is not called The Storp of Miss Macmichael it is called The Class of Miss Mac-michael. This i syour film and you must speak up.

"Glenda's attitude was similar. I had a counte of meetings with her before we started shooting and she said 'I don't think there is any point in discussing what we are going to do until we meet the children themselves. I'll react 'no what themselves. I'll react 'no what themselves. I'll react 'to what they give ma.' So a lot of the dialogue is improvised. Believe dialogue is improvised. Selieve me they out me straight several times. 'Oh, we wouldn't say that, we wouldn't do that, oh, ugh, that's corny.'."

Glenys Roberts

King's Head

out to be 1 re-working of the old story of the wicked showman and the ili-used showgirl: with the difference that Miss Gee's Zuki is an ex-Roedean girl with a cut-glas; accent, and her boss is a working-class former stunt man who lost his nerve and now makes a living by flog-ging others around the wall of death and the ring of fire. Finally it is he who collects the pathos; and Mr Jeffreys, true to melodramonic genre, leaves him clutching a lifesize rag doll.

Cilento's production by sledge-hammer lighting effects and the apoplectic rage; of Rupert Frazer as the boss/lover. Business apart, the piece does not clarify why Zuki finds it so hard to leave him. But it carries total conviction as a backstage study of the stunt game: how deals are made, how nerves break, how it feels to be in perfect training and supreme physical control. This side of the piece is eloquently handled by both across and even when by both actors, and even when stripped of her space suit, one can well believe in Miss Gee's translation from a gawking debutante to a human canonMan Alive BBC 2

Michael Ratcliffe

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After so shocking and renacious a programme as this, better keep first to the facts that are keep first to the facts that are keep first to the facts that are not in dispute. In January, 1976, a Yorkshire woman suffered a brain haemorrhage and went to hospital for an operation which is normally performed between five and 10 days after the bleeding with a very fair chance of success.

The head surgeon, however,

went abroad and the woman

had a second haemorthage. When he returned three and a half weeks later the operation was started by his registrar, and the surgeon, who was teaching students at the time, arrived to complete it 10 minutes after an aneurysm had burst. Twenty minutes after that the woman was dead. The head arraestherist refused to work with the surgeon thereafter on the grounds that he was too overcommitted to guarantee a safe schedule of shared work, and the other anaesthetist followed suit. There were two inquiries into the the local beath authority both of which assigned blame very senerally without considering in any detail the woman's

Alan Patient's programme Alan Pasient's programme was at pains to stress that the questions raised by this frightening affair were not exclusive to the area but occurred throughout the National Health Service whenever leading consultants were paid to be in two or three places simultaneously

Balfour Gardiner

Joan Chissell

nome.

Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Only two of Balfour Gardiner's

own works found their way into

he cared as much, if not more, about the music of his friends as about his own, and was fortunate enough to have the private means to promote their cause, not least in those legendary concerts at Queen's Hall in 1912 and 1913 carrying his name.

According to the programme-note, the late Gerald Finzi once declared: "If we had tried to

back a winner among the young men who were born between 1870-80, one would have backed Brifour Gardiner before Vaughan Williams and Holst as

far as early promise was con-

He was not quite 30 when he

produced the one-movement string quartet in B flat placed by the Alberni Quartet on Mon-

m anewysm clipped without daring to flinch. If this was intended to soften the fears raised by the main part of the story it parely succeeded, but the greater questions of public accountability and personal power beyond those fears remain and will surely lead to one hell of a row.

duced by Frankfurt training, Even heard after Bax's roughly contemporaneous Lyrical Inter-lude for string Quintet fand how sensitively the Albernis, with Patrick Ireland as second viols, explored its lovely tex-tures), the Gardiner quartet seemed a little bland. own works found their way into the Chamber concert presented by the Redcliffe Society on Monday in honour of the centenary of his birth. The rest of the programme went to four of his contemporaries, Quiter, Bax, Delius and Grainger. That would have pleased him. For the cared as much if not more

seemed a little bland.

The first half ended with seven of Gardiner's songs, all save one English setting, which were artfully juxtaposed in the programme with Quilter's Seven Elizabethon Lyrics. It was Gardiner who emerged the more characterful as well as questing in harmony, not least in the strange Guetha setting. in the strange Goethe setting.
"The Wanderer's Evensong",
even if his Frankfurt friend and exact contemporary produced a exact contemporary produced a more rilegantly moulded line. Both composers were excellently served by the baritone, David Wilson-Johnson, and his pinnist. David Norris; the singer had the tone, now intimately fluid, now robust, to uphold his imaginative response to mood.

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The concert ended with two raritles for two pianos, a previously unperformed errangement (by the conductor, Iulius Burbs, revived by the commoser and Eric Fenhy) of Delius's not turne, "Paris", and Perry Grainver's Hill-Song I. Even if the nignists, John Kozar and Francis Routh, were mable in recognize the master of Delius's by the Alberti Quartet on Mon-day, a cunningly self-evolving as well as poetic little work deserv-ing occasional airing although already (in comparison with Vaughan Williams and Holst) betraying the anonymity inrecognize the maric of Delina's problems and supplies, they centrially emphasized the during arials for a both of these turn of the century scores.

The piano interludes sound all too brief for their proposed contents, being entitled "Life", "Love" and "Death". The accentuation of certain consonants in "Benediction" by plants are recall to the closes.

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seems incompletely justified, though an artistic aim is behind

it, and behind the composition

es a whole, incompletely focused

missioned by the Dickinsons, was included in the second half

of the recital. Andresz Panuf-nik's Dreamscape does not set

Joyce: it is a vocalise into plano, developing a simple phrase in several rhythmic and

purase in several raytomic and microtonal directions, the real-melody only emerging midway, then returning to earlier, half-perceived manifestations.

lts imaginative world, entotional exploration, and economy

of resource made their effect in a nicely judged performance.

Joyce's poetry was heard in settings by Szymanowski (Panufnik's compatriot) of real

delicacy and character, and by American composers, Persichert, Sessions and Barber, Ian Partridge had to sing Joyce's Sleep now" three times, as a meaningful glance indicated

when he began the third sett

ing, Barber's, which most firmly

makes the contrasting point of "Sleep no more". None of the

composers represented truly matched the undoubted musical character of Jovee's poems, though Szymanowski came quite close in his "Goldenhair". That

Another new work, also com-

as that whole may be.

Park Lane Group Purcell Room

William Mann

A song recital devoted to the work of one or two poets, as treated by several composers, offers a spur to reconsider the nature of poetry and its relation to music, as well as a change from the conventional form of programme-building. Park Lane Group on Monday paired Charles Baudelaire and James Joyce in that manner, and fur-ther divided each half between a brother-sister due, Meriel and Peter Dickinson, Ian and Jennifer Partridge.

Jennifer Partridge.

The Baudelaire holf may have been planned simply as a way of placing Jonathan Harvey's Correspondances, a new work for voice and plano based on pnems by Baudelaire, and commissioned by the Dickinson siblings: reasonable enough to precede it with a group of Debussy's Baudelaire settings, a compatriot's response to the compatriot's response to the great poet, and sensitively interpreted too by the

Partridges.

Correspondances consists of four sougs and three piano interludes: they can be performed in any order, and the composer likewise expects the pianist to vary his accompani-ments from one performance to the next, choosing from given musical material of a dramatic, often explosive decidedly aspiring nature. In this first performance it matched the vocal line, delivered with ringing passion by Miss Dickinson.

ECO Wind Ensemble St John's/Radio 3

Stanley Sadie

"The gentlemen who executed it are poor beggars who, however, play quite well together ", wrote Mozart after a performance of his wind derenade K375. The English Chamber Orchestra Wind Ensemble played it quite well together, too, in Monday's lunchtime concert; indeed I daresay that as regards technical aploate, in this most brilliantly and demandingly written of Mozart's wind sere-nades, they outdid the poor beggars of the Viennese street band.

These ECO members typify many of the virtues of English wind playing. The compromise between blend and individuality is nicely held; the ensemble tone is rich and throaty, its inner lines well defined. The attack is generally unified enough to have an almost per-cussive quality, for example in the finale of K375 or (still more markedly) in certain of the variations in the finale of its C minor companion piece, K388.

was not the fault of the Dickin-sons or Partridges who offered much enjoyable music-making In that work, however, they favoured slowish tempos, parti-cularly in the first movement, in consequence was sombre rather than urgent. The Andance was beautifully done, its detail sensitively pointed, its cadences delicately shaped, above all by the first oboist, Neil Black; and the trio of the minuet, the double canon by inversion for oboes and bassoons, was done with a subtlery and refinement that aspired to the world of the string quartet to the clarinettists. Their sound occasionally seemed a shade shrill; and there were one or two moments of unease over pitch, from the clarinets when cold and bassoons when warm. But K375 gave pleasure for its properly maestoso first movement, its easy virtuosity, and -Mr Block again excellingthe creceful expressive playing of the slow movements. The recital will be rebroadcast on Saturday; listeners will find the introductory remarks referring to sonata form grotesque. or at best hilarious.

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Samsova back to base

a year ago, with one of his miniatures, the original Mono-tones, which was rehearsed at the same time as Fills although not given until later. The need for only three dancers on a bare stage makes this a valuable piece for the company's tours through Canada, sometimes to towns with limited thearre facilities, but I am sure it looks best on the bigger stages such as the O'Keefe Centre in Toronto where I saw it the other day. There the white-clad trio is picked out in the middle of a dark space, glowing like gems against black velver or stars in night sky.

the girl, has a supple flexibility of movement and a beautilated with his own choreografully elegant curved line that phy in a pepped-up pastiche of makes her at least as good as Bournonville's idiom. It offers anybody I have seen in this some bravura solos which role since its incomparable Schaufuss performed explosionator. Vyvyan Lorrayne, vely, full of difficult twists and Mignel Garria and flames creator, Vyvyan Lorrayne. Miguel Garcia and James Kudelka never disrupt the stage. serenity of the choreographic Over the last year or two composition but self-effacingly Schaufuss has burst into the allow all the attention to con- top ranks of male dancers, clocentrate on their partner.

ing Bruhn, who has been closely associated with the company over the years as perinteresting to see artistry such
former and producer, and welcoming Galina Samsova as The National Ballet of Canada guest ballerina: her first time is lucky to be able to gather in this role and her first per-together such a galaxy of stars. formance for 14 years with the company where she became a

By the time the National Baller of Canada comes to Europe again next May, it will have added another of Ashton's major works, The Dream, to its repertory. Meanwhile it has electedy followed up the success of La Fille mal gardee, which Ashton personally supervised for its Toromto premiere a year ago, with one of his fort that the spring is literally, the international career.

An innate warmth shines through Samsova's dancing. It

fact that the sprite is literally and metaphorically heartless. and metaphorically heartless.
Semsova's style, however, is
exceptionally well suited to
Bournouville's choreography.
The easy lightness of her
jumps, with no apparent preparation, helps the illusion of
flight, and the open breadth of
her arm movements is also her arm movements is also right for the role. It may take further experience of the role to get the character entirely right but the dancing is aiready a pleasure to see.

Peter Schaufuss, who has left New York City Ballet to become one of the Canadian company's leading men, danced James. In this production he Nadia Potts, whom I saw as has a long duet with Effie in the girl, has a supple Elexibi- Act I which Bruhn has interpotty of movement and a beauti- lated with his own choreograturns bounding around the

Jerome Robbins's Afternoon of a Fram, feelingly danced by Bruhn hamself plays the old Karen Kain and Frank hag, Madge, with a raddled Mugustyn, were given with Brik Bruhn's idiosyncratic version of La Sylphide. This was the same command to a purely a special performance honour-acting role like this that he once in the same command to a purely a special performance honour-acting role like this that he once in the same command to a purely a special performance honour-acting role like this that he once

sely rivalling in technique and This work and a revival of brilliance his slightly older erome Robbins's Afternoon of contemporary Baryshnikov.

dered the more so in Diane

John Percival

The showman and the showgirl

Like Dolls or Angels

Irving Wardle

Stephen Jeffreys's lunchtime piece gets off to a lively start with the sight of Prunella Gee preparing to be cataputed across the river Severn while her manager harangues the gloating crowd over a loud-bailer. Escaping with nothing worse

Escaping with nothing worse than bruises, she next appears reclining in the office/bedroom she shares with her boss, wating to hear how much the show has cleaned up: at which point the theme of public blood-lust gives way to that of the partners' relationship. This turns out to be a reworking of the It is an emphatic play: ren-

—and that, after all, is by no means inappropriate in a work that Mozart bimself later thought fit to reset for strings.

If K388 is the oboist's serenade, K375 rather belongs to the claringuists. Their count

yesterday's later editions.

IPI TOMBI PLAYS EVGS. The TES Goes to Work traditional literature unless imaginative retelling and out-

tanding artwork have combined to form a distinguished new book"). Furthermore he properly emphasizes the personal nature of the selection. Here is work that he considers the personal party of the considers the considers the personal party of the personal party of

here is work that he considers to have "literary or artistic merit"—so it's no good looking for Mr Anthony Buckeridge's Jennings just because he was a popular character, and it's no good looking for the collected stories of Mrs

collected stories of Mrs Josephine Kamm just because they provide a guide to adoles-cent's problems of the period. Books have been admitted only

they give enjoyment "as

But like many a cataloguer before him, Mr Townsend breaks most of his own rules.

For one thing—if my arithmetic is correct—his choice actually

is correct—ms choice actually spans 26 years, since his earliest inclusion is Mary Norton's The Borrowers of 1952 and his latest is Jenny Wagner and Ron Brooks's John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat, published this gutumb. For a second thing he includes at least two Americans.

he includes at least two American books: Russell Hoban's Bedtime for Frances and The Mouse and his Child. For a

third thing he confesses an intense distike of Road Dehl's Charlie and the Chocolate Fac-

tory, but puts it in because it is "so vastly popular". And for a fourth thing his self-imposed provisos about traditional literature lead bim to the

brink of confusion—for there has been so much in the way of retellings and picturings of

Veston, Director of the Science

Museum. She was talking about a rather special exhibition

which opens at the museum on

Its theme is exploration, but not merely in the conventional

sense. Physical exploration from the bottom of the sea to

outer space is naturally included, but so too is the medi-cal exploration of the human

Normally the Science Museum's exhibitions are either

"permanent" (as in the main galleries) or "temporary" (specially mounted for a num-

ber of weeks or months). Ex-ploration will lie between these

extremes. It is designed ini-

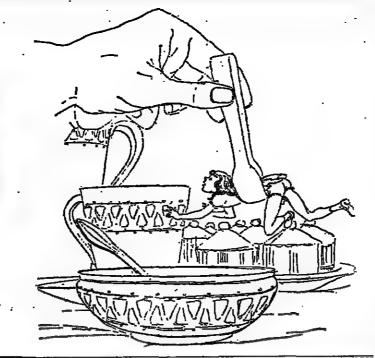
tional scientific boundaries to

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mind and body.

A long tradition of British books for children





Left: The Big Pick-up: drawings by Arthur Hughes for George MacDonald's Dealings with the Fairies (1867) and right: Pat Marriott for Joan Aiken's All and More (Cape, 1971)

made out for many such books to be at least as distinguished as the "original creative work". Once Mr Townsend has admixed so uneven and "popular" a compendium as Raymond Briggs's Mother Goose Treasury one is bound to start asking why he's omitted, say, Kathleen Lines and Harold Jones's Lavender's Blue, or a whole batch of highly entertaining alphabets highly entertaining and counting books.

But, as he anticipates, "no-body can be expected to agree with me all slong the line" and the strength of this exhibition is very much the personal assessment of what counts for originality and distinction in our most recent publishing for children. Mr Townsend offers no abstract arguments as to what the enjoyment of books "as literature" may mean, but rhrough his ennotations be makes clear the quality that each book holds for him. He is aware of shortcomings—either those which he feels himself (the "intrinsically rather order) ary" stories of the Womblest, or those of other people (he tries to summarize objections to has been so much in the way. The God Beneath the Sea as of retellings and picturings of charges against "excessively traditional themes during this florid diction"—but presents

me given final proof that, despite the excitements, post-war English children's literature has not been quite as exceptional as we think. A few years ago it was customary to speak as though some tre-mendous renaissance had occurred in the nineteen-forties and a new breed of super-author had arrived who would make things new as never before. But now, with his tresh and anjoyable exhibition, Mr Townsend has enabled us to see that this renaissance was not really anything more than an energetic continuation of a long tradition.

A mere charting of the publication dates of books in the exhibition is enough in itself to prove the point. For where one might expect to find an even distribution of great or neargreat books one gets in fact a few major contributions from the fifties and sixties, diluted by a mass of more recent material which has not yet fallen into perspective. The first 13 years of the Queen's reign supply Mr Townsend with

The wonders

of exploration, and

most of his 221 examples with bold enthusiasm.

For all its celebratory character, however, the exhibition has for me given final proof that be around in another 25 years There is a second proof which is also worth propound-ing—inspired by that other children's book exhibition cur-

children's book exhibition cur-rently running in London, the "After Alice" display at the Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood. What, one might ask, would Mr Townsend's estalogue have contained if it celebrated the 25 years from 1852 to 1877? For this period too was an

exciting one for children's books. It saw the emergence nto full vigour of the tradition within which our authors still work and it produced illustrative triumphs which our graphic artists today have suddenly discovered to be a fruitful source for imitation. Among the early successes shown in that exhibition you would find Kingsley's Heroes (a damo sight better than The God Beneath the Sea), and Thackeray's Rose and the Ring; Tom Brown would be off to school, and George MacDonald dealing with the fairies, And

where Mr Townsend names 1967 as his annus mirabilis (with Garner's Owl Service, Peyton's Flambards, Cresswell's Piemakers, Garfield's Smith, etc) the Victorians did not do too badly in 1872 with Casroll's Through the Looking Glass and Mrs Ewing's Flat Iron for a Farthing, More Nonsense from Edward Lear and Sing-song from Christina Rossetti, Jean Ingelow was even looking for-Ingelow was even looking for ward to aeroplanes and electric light in the closing numbers of that notable journel Good Words for the Young.

But just as Mr Townsend's 25 years contain their quota of what he cails "the new didacticism"—the books that later generations will see as seeking to inself desired attitudes—so no doubt, Alice would have been joined in her pool by improving picture books from the Religious Tract Society and by reving peture books from the Religious Tract Society and by a horde of sentimental street-Arab stories, jerking tears to add to the flood. It's not perticularly easy, so close, to see the fraities even of "literary merit" and, as Mr Townsend unless amounts to the like the wisely reminds us, we, like the Victorians, cannot expect to pass on much to our successors.

Brian Alderson

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Innocent misrepresentation: liability under new law

Howard Marine and Bredging Co Ltd v A. Ogden & Sons (Excavations) Ltd.

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Bridge and Lord Justice Shaw

The Court of Appeal, the Master of the Rolls dissenting, held that barge owners were liable in 10rt. under section 2(1) of the Mister content at the deal deadweight was 1,055.135. representation Act, 1967, for a misrepresentation as to the dead weight capacity of two barges made by their marine manager in an interview during negotiations (Negotiations continued. The

The Court of Appeal, the Master of the Rolls dissenting, held that barge owners were liable in tortunder section 2(1) of the Misrepresentation Act, 1967., for a misrepresentation as to the dead, weight capacity of two barges made by their marine manager in an interview during negotations which led to a contract for their hire, since, although the misrepresentation was not frandulem but wrong, the representor had not proved that he had reasonable ground to believe, and did believe up to the time the contract was made, that the facts he had represented were true.

Their Lordships, in judgments

presented were true.

Their Lordships, in judgments reserved since June, allowed an appeal by engineering contractors, A. Ogden & Sons (Excavations) Ltd., of Otley, Yorkshire, from Mr Justice Bristow who had awarded £97.510 to Howard Marine and Dredging Co Ltd., of Buckingham Gate, London, on their claim for sums arising out of contracts for the lire of two barges on demise charter terms, and had dismissed a counterclaim by the contractors. The court reversed those decisions and granted leave to both parties to appeal to the House of Lords.

Lords.

Section 2 of the Misrepresentation Act provides: "(1) Where a person has entered into a contract after a misrepresentation has been made to him by another party thereto and as a result thereof he has suffered loss, then, if the person making the misrepresentation would be hable to damages in respect thereof had the misrepresentation been made fraudulently that person shall be so liable notwithstanding that the misrepresentation was not made so have not missepresentation was not made fraudulently, unless he proves that he had reasonable ground to believe and did believe up to the time the contract was made that the facts represented were true." Section 3 provides that " If any

stances of the case."

Mr Anthony Lloyd, QC, and Mr John G. C. Phillips for Ogdens; Mr Michael Thomas, QC, and Mr A. G. S. Pollock for Howards.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in 1974 the Northumbrian Water Anthority, about to construct a sewage works for Tyneside which required much excavation by contractors, taking the earth by conveyors to the riverside, tipping it into seagoing barges, and dumping it out a few miles to sea, invited tenders for the work. Among those invited were Ogdens, who had experience in disposing earth by land but none in dumping it st sea.

note in damping it at sea.

To prapare their tender,
Ogdens got into touch with
Howards to quote a price for
hiring barges. Howards had two
German-built barges lying idle,
bought from the German owners,
and they had the file of German
shipping documents in their London office. They sent their marine
manager, Mr O'Loughlin, to Tyneside to see the material to be
carried. He thought that the
barges could do the work, and as
a result of a letter and two telephone conversations. Orders firmly believed that each barge could carry \$50 cubic metres of "in-dig" clay weighing 1,700 tonnes. But unbeknown to them the clay would be far too heavy. the clay would be far too heavy.

Ogdens' tender of £1,847,647 was accepted and then they negotiated with Howards to acquire the barges. Ogdens prepared a questionnaire of 31 questions on all sorts of matters. A meeting took place on July 11 at Otley. One question was: "Capacity of barges." Mr O'Loughlin's answer, noted down by Ogdens, was found by the judge to be that the capacity of each barge was \$50 cubic metres and that that was about 1,500 tonnes subject to weather, fuel-load and time of year. The

Negotiations continued. The documents included a charterparty commining an exception clause, including the words "... charterers' acceptance of handing over the vessel shall be conclusive evidence. [that the vessel is] in all respects fit for the intended and contemplated use by the charterers and in every other way satisfactory to them."

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The barges were used for six months. Early on Ogdens suspected that they could not carry the 1,200 tonnes a trip without submerging their loadlines. In March, 1975, they discovered the payload was only 1,055 tonnes. So they paid only £20,000 on account of hire. When hire was not pald flowards withdrew the barges and issued a writ claiming £93,183 for the outstanding hire. Ogdens countertlaimed on the ground, inter alia, that Howards had misrepresented the cargo-carrying capacity made in the two April telephone conversations and the interview on July 11, 1974; and that because of the low carrying capacity the whole operation of the contract was delayed. They counterclaimed for £600,000. The issue of liability was tried as a preliminary issue, The judge dismissed the counterclaim and gave judgment for Howards.

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On the appeal Ogdens contended that Howards's representations as to carrying capacity were made negligently and that they were liable on Hedley Byrne principles. His Lordship, after referring to Lord Pearce's speech at p539 and to the speeches of Lord Reid and Lord Morris in Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Co Ltd v Bvatt ([1971] AC, 793), said that the principles there stated spoke of the "gravity of the inquiry" and the "seeking of considered advice".

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advices."
That excluded representations made during a casual street conversation or "off the cuit" or of the telephone. The duty was one of honesty and no more. On that test Mr O'Loughlin was under a duty to be honest, but no more. In the July interview, when asked the capacity of the barges, he had not the file with him, and it was not reasonable for Ogdens to act on his answers without checking them, or getting expert advice. His Lordship agreed with the indge that there was not such a situation as to give rise to a duty of cara or make Howards liable for neglisent misrepresentation at common law.

Ogdens, alternatively, claimed for innocent misrepresents in under the Misrepresentation Act, 1967. The judge found that Mr O'Loughlin's representation on July 11 that each barge could carry 1,500 tonnes was a misrepresentation made with the object of section, the little contract for sentation made with the object of getting the hirs contract for Howards. They got it; and as a result Ogness suffered loss; but the judge found that he was not negligent and so Howards were not liable for it. In his Lordenip's view the judge's view was entrely justified. He found that the Lloyd's Register deadweight figure stuck in his mind; and that the figure he had seen in the German shipping documents did not register; that that afforded reasonable ground for him to believe that each barge could carry 1,500 tonnes; and that he believed that. The judge must have considered the burden of proof was discharged.

If that was wrong so far, there remained the exception clause. By section 3 the question was whether "reliance on k is fair and reasonable in the circumstances of the case". In his Lordship's view Howards should be allowed to rely on it. Ogdens having had six mouths' use of the barges ought to pay the hire for them. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE BRIDGE though considering that Ogdens established no claim against Howards in contract, ead that the more difficult question was whether Mr O'Loughlin's midoubted misrepresentation gave

rise to any liability in tort either under the 1967 Act or at common law.

Under section 2(1) would Howards be liable in damages if the misrepresentation had been made fraudulently—if he had known it was untrue? On the plain lenguage of the Act, athough there was no allegation of fraud. Howards must be liable unless they proved that Mr O'Loughija had reasonable ground to believe, what he said about capacity.

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Unfortunately the judge did not direct his mind to the question whether Mr O'Loughin had any reasonable ground for his belief. He asked himself, in considering liability under the Act, whether the insocent misrepresentation in July was negligent and found it was not. But if the represented proved a misrepresentation which, if fraudulent, would have sounded in damages, the onus pussed immediately to the representor to prove that he had reasonable ground to believe the facts represented. The representor's liability did not depend on his being under a duty of care; in negotiations leading in a contract the Act imposed an absolute obligation not to state facts which the representor could not prove he had reasonable ground to believe

sentor could not prove he had reasonable ground to believe Although not specifically posing the question whether Mr O'Loughlin had reasonable ground for his behief, the judge made certain findings about his state of mind. His Lordship considered the judge's findings in detail, and said that it was tempting to adopt them simpliciter and conclude that the figure Mr O'Loughlin saw in Lloyd's Register afforded reasonable ground for his behief. But the judge had over-simplified the judge had over-simplified the seffect of Mr O'Loughlin's evidence on the matter; and in his Lordship's judgment Mr O'Loughlin's evidence, however benievolently viewed, was not sufficient to show that he had an objectively reasonable ground to disregard the correct figure in the ship's documents and prefer the incorrect Lloyd's Register figure. Accordingly his Lordship concluded that Howards had failed to prove that Mr O'Loughlin had reasonable ground to believe the truth of his misterpresentation to Ogdens.

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evidence established it.

Could Howards escape from their liability under the Act in reliance on the exception clause? The judga had said that "If the wording of the clause is apt to exempt from responsibility for negligent misrepresentation as to carrying capacity. I bold that such exemption is not fair and reasonable." The judge having asked himself the right question and answared it as he did in the exercise of the discretion vested in him by the Act, his Lordship, could see no ground for saying. could see no ground for saying that he was wrong.

His Lordship would accordingly allow the appeal to the extent of holding that Ogdons established lability against Bowards under section 2(1) for my damages they had suffered as a result of Ms O'Loughlin's misrepresentation at the Orley interprese in the transthe Otley interview in the wranges found by the judge. LORD JUSTICE SHAW held that at common law file special

that at common law the special factors in the case; rogether with the relationship of the parties as owners and prospective charterers of birges to be employed for a specific purposs known to the owners, did give rise to the daily of the correct the correct to exercise versus. on the owners to exercise reasonable care to be accurate in giving information of a majerial character mornanon of a material character, which was peculiarly within their knowledge. Ogdens had a cause; of action in negligence at common law which was not affected by the exemption clarge, which did not

exemption classe, which did not purport to grant absolution from the consequences of negligence on the part of the owners.

On the issue under section 2(1), his Lordship agreed with Lord Justice Bridge, based on his analysis of the evidence and the judge's finding, and with his view on the operation and effect of the Act. He, too, would allow the appeal under the Act as well as in relation to the claim based on healigence at common law. negligence at common law.

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Leave was given to both parties to appeal to the House of Lords Solicitors: Ingledew, Brown & Co for Ingledew, Mark Pypus, Newcastle upon Type; Mr R. A. Howard, Chatham.

Queen's Bench Division

Minister wrong to disregard cost of converting offices to dwellings

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in dismissing appeals against the refusal of planning permission to continue office use of premises in Mayfair, should have taken into account the financial cost at the present time of converting the premises to residential use.

to residential use.

His Lordship granted two applications by Niarchos (London) Lnd to quash the minister's decision confirming the refusal by Westminster (City) London Borough Council to allow the use of 37 and 41/43 Park Street, Mayfair, as office premises to be continued. Mr David Widdicombe, QC, and Mr Matthew Horton for the applicants; Mr Harry Woolf for the minister.

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SIR DOUGLAS FRANK said that the premises consisted of a basement, ground floor and five other floors with a mezzanine floor; the upper three floors were sub-let and not occupied by the applicants.

The office uses began after the war when temporary planning permissions were granted. The permissions which had since been renewed, expired in December, 1973, and were not renewed. The applicants, who unsuccessfully applied for planning permission to continue the office use, appealed to the minister.

At an inquiry in 1975 both the applicants and the council produced schemes for the conversion to residential use. The inspector reported that neither scheme "would be an economically viable proposition for a developer at the present time".

Noting that the premises were in an area allocated primarily for residential use in the approved development plan, the inspector concluded that a sufficiently strong case had not been made out for him to accept that the applicants had shown very special circumstances which would warrant an exception being made in their

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Environment, in dismissing appeals against the refusal of planning permission to continue office use of premises in Mayfair, should have taken into account the financial cost at the present circumstances, the alternative to use as offices would be to planning permission to continue office use of premises in Mayfair, should have taken into account the financial cost at the present circumstances, the alternative to use as offices would be to the premises standing empty until there was a significant change in the economic situation. In his opinion; therefore, it could not be said that the buildings was entirely a matter for the minister was entitled to change to the premises to could be reasonably adapted for use of premise and premise of the premises to make himself was whether or act the present circumstances, the alternative to use as offices would be to the premises standing empty until there was a significant change in the economic situation. In his opinion; therefore, it could minister, and, further, that the minister was entitled to change this policy from day to day. In the financial cost at the present time. Accordingly, he recommended that a temporary permission for five years should be given as that would allow time for the economic situation to improve and for the applicants to find suitable alterna-

would allow time for the economic situation to improve and for the applicants to find suitable alternative accommodation.

In his letter of decision the minister said, inter alla, that in view of the continuing shortage of residential accommodation of all types in central London the development plan policy of reversion of properties to residential use was soundly based and should be supported. He rejected the inspector's recommendation for extension of the use, taking the view that the financial considerations, which now made conversion unprofitable, were not a factor of such importance as to persuade him to permit an exception to the council's policy. Accordingly he dismissed the appeals.

It Widdictonne tubmices that the minister had falled to apply the tests in the development plan according to which it was provided that "... where it can be shown to the satisfaction of the council (or the minister ...) that any house, ... cannot reasonably be used or adapted for use for residential occupation ... it is the council's intention to permit the use of accommodation for office purposes until 1990. Existing temporary permissions will be reviewed on this basis."

The first ground of complaint against the decision was that the minister had asked himself the wrong question, namely, whether the financial considerations which made conversion unprofitable at the present time were of such in portance as to warrant making an exception to the policy for the Treasury Solicitor.

law that the minister could change his policy and, accordingly, he was not bound to apply the policy in the development plan. However, when he expressed himself to be deciding a case by a stated policy, it must follow that if he decided the case other than in accordance with that policy then he misdirected himself and acted in excess of his powers. And his Lordship rejected the submission that the minister was entitled to put his own layer retains on the

Lordship rejected the stitumission, that the minister was enritled to put his own laterpretation on the provisions of the development plan.

Mr. Woolf further argued that the provision that premises could be "reasonably ... adapted "was directed to physical practicability about. If so, then it seemed, quite apart from the fact that there were no words which would attitude of such a restricted meaning, that the word "reasonably" would have little relevance; for it was hard to think of any premises in Meyfair which could not be adapted at some cost for residential use.

Given that the minister was bound to take into account the florancial implications of adapting the premises, the heritable conclusion was that the premises could not reasonably be adapted for residential occupation at the present time.

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His Lordship realized that the present case was the first town planning decision which had been quashed for being unreasonable, but he believed he was doing no more than applying an established principle to the particular facts.

The applications were allowed with costs. _Solicisors ~ Coward ~ Charce ; . .

much more "I wanted to convey excitement to make up the complete exhibi-and variety", said Dr Margaret tion. And, since it is Jubilee Becklake (who also assembled two of the six sections); the exhibition designer is Roger Year, the emphasis is on the advances of the past quarter-Dr Weston's excitement is Mummery, who designed the superb National Railway

being translated via a number of large objects, dramatically dis-Museum at York.
The team trawled deep for played—an actual Apollo cap-sule, a replica lunar lander, a replica submersible, an actual EMI brain scanner. ideas. Dr Becklake says they started with about 200 sugges-tions, from museum staff and from outside science communicators such as the journal Without the focus of these major artifacts, she says, the exhibition would be simply a three-dimensional encyclopaedia. But she insists on the tariety of both drama and

climatology.

Nature, The conquest of Everest, though an undoubted great achievement in exploration, was judged inappropriate for the Science Museum, The team straight husesumry; she does not welcome, the bland gin-mickry of the push-huten "sclence centre" approach. The exploration themee was Dr Weston's idea—"a device that would link many things from the structure of meters to outer could not ignore manned ex-ploration of the moon, but they concentrated on the spacecraft

Purting it all together—six mini-exhibitions fitto a coordinated whole—in a way that would be visually pleasing was the challenge faced by Roger Mummery, the designer. The exploration, manned spaceflight, the planets and beyond, medical science, remote sensing and

tures, among other things, a replica of a manned submer-sible, a model of an unmanned submersible and a famous rigid diving suit of the 1930s known

Manned spaceflight includes a diorams of the first manned base on the moon (Apollo 11 in the Sea of Tranquillity), plus the actual Apollo 10 service module and other items of space hardware.

Further spacecraft models, made to an impeccable finish by the museum's own craftsmen, illustrate "the planets and beyond", including a half-scale Viking lander sitting on a re-construction of the surface of

Medical science includes the brain scanner, endoscopes which enable doctors to see which enable doctors to see inside the stomach withour surgery, and ultrasonic techniques for monitoring the heart of a foetus. The psychology section includes an ingenious "distorted room" in which strange things are seen to happen to those inside.

how people and objects appear when viewed at radar and infra-red wavelengths. A thermal imaging camera explores the heat patterns of a fully equipped kitchen. Explorers in climatology uso

some peculiar tools, from English medieval account rolls and Chinese oracle bones to Cali-formian pine trees and tiny shells from the bottom of the Indian Ocean.
All this and much more, for those who venture to explore the Science Museum's six-in-one

exhibition over Christmas.

Those who go on to explore other parts of the museum will discover also the continuing laser show; a new exhibition of old phonographs (from December 13); a display of "Star Wars" models (from December 16); and a place where you can have your picture taken by computer and imprinted on a Excitement and variety, in-

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winter menace. John Gerarde, London Master of Chiturgerie", in his Herbali of 1638, offers several cures, including one which suggests that the inner part of the Squilla (or sea-onion), "boiled with oile and turpentine? can be "with great profit applied unto the chaps or chilblanes on the feet or heeles".

Since then a concoction of gid uses. Their crushed leaves soap. Cajenut Oil imported from act as an emergency styptic the East Indie: and the blister- or as a cure for a wasp or bee ing tincture of Cautharides or sting. Their scant juice is an Spanish Fly has been tried, astringent and useful to them And, in a less drastic way, peelings of cucumbers, dried in it also has the reputation if summer and softened, when required, "inwardly" with water, (a teaspoonful to a pint of being applied to "blains and water) for giving a distaste, or other irritating lumps and a disinclination for smoking, or

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Modern herbalists have other ideas among which the most efficacious seems to me to be tincture from the common weed plantain (Plantago major). This now ubiquitous plant has a host of popular names, one of which, strangely enough is "Englishman's Foor". The American ladians are responsible for this title because it was they who noticed that the plantains appeared, carried presumably involuntarily on clothing or footwear wherever "the migrations of Englishmen have established colonies".

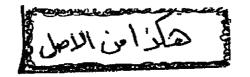
Plantains, one of the ninc sacred herbs, have many firstthat have the toothacke" and taken in the form of a tisane to take the desire to smoke

completely away. Homoeopaths have still more suggestions for chilblain cures among which are infinitesimal,

triturated doses of two poisonous plants, one being the Black Bryony (Tamus communis) and the other, the Poison Ivy (Rhus toxicodendron). Either of these plants if swallowed in an unprepared state, or in the latter case, even touched, being able to induce the inflammatory, istituting symptoms of "chilblains" themselves. Commonsense cures for chil-

blain sufferers seem to include a sensible, balanced diet and the necessity never to miss an opportunity for gentle exercising of the hands and feet in order to stimulate the circula-tion. It is also important to wear shoes with room for extra foot-warming inner soles, even those which are sometimes ob-tainable from chemists that have been cut-out from the medicated, red Dols Flannel.

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How the Tories must go about creating the post-socialist society

intellectual revolt in one against socialist assump-Britain against the collectivists tions and socialist policies. Yet has gathered great momentum. it is hard to think of a time in There can be no doubt who has recent years when the Conser-won most of the arguments of vatives have been more acutely the last three years about the aware of the constraints on broad shape of policy, and it is what a new government alone not the socialists.

ascendant. In a parliamentary atmosphere similar, I suspect, to the late 1940s, Labour are

But in between broad philosophical direction and tactical warfare lies a less easily definable area where questions to an opposition like: "But what would they actually do?" or "What will be their attitude approach to this intractable "How will they handle this group or that?" are bound to come up with growing ire-

It is not so much a matter of producing a long string of policies in response to such pressures. Too much policy detail in opposition can be self-defeating, and a godsend for a drowning government. There were cartainly those who felt that the Conservative Party was overloaded with policy in the late Sixties (although this did not stop it winning!).

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It is more a question of But it would be a mistake to themes, of impressing on the see this as a mere negative public mind the decided purposes of the would be governments. For the implications of ment and the sort of way it is such a stance are far from negmost likely to react—what in arive and involve vastly deterarilier political parlance would be called the "character" of the incoming administration.

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the incoming administration. coat-tails into the venities of Here at once we come to a an "industrial strategy" paradox. No Conservative opposition since the war has stood will.

Out more distinctly than this Not to be deluded that rac-

Ot the socialists.

Down at the tactical end, rush in with "solutions" to the Conservative Opposition and the nation's problems, more is increasingly in the sceptical about the remedial properties of endless fresh

being constantly driven on to the defensive, their party morale requiring more and more frequent performances of this mood of caution. Certainly Mr. Michael Foot's "so I say that to them" speeches to keep it intact at all.

Put to the Mr. So Isay that to them speeches to keep it intact at all. Central Office publication The

But an important part of the flavour of the document is also to be found in the following sentence: "We believe that the Government knows less about business than businessmen, less about investment than investors and less about pay bargaining than trade union negotiators and employers. We think we under-stand the limitations on what a government alone can do. This surely is the beginning of wis-



rouse fritish Leytand steel somehow constituted serious policy for industrial success and requires incessant argumentative energies to prevent the bureaucratic establishment from rolling precisely that way.

There are new major themes which it can major themes are major themes which it can major themes

let the bulk of them flow to the taxpayer requires a will to resist enormous political and pressure group forces that are fast building up.

Not to be cornered into lay-ing down at ministerial level detailed pay figures for count-less employments and professions requires a spine and clarity of purpose that appears to be entirely lacking in the present administration.

Not to be sucked into the cosy routines of the corporate state as a substitute for more fundamental measures needs a tough scepticism, an unflinch-ing readiness to pursue awk-ward questions the like of which had not been evident in high politics for a generation. Of course people want it both ways—radical action to sweep away the past but no upheavals please, major policy changes but minimum legislation. That is sotirely under-

kling the formidable social standable. But my guess would problems of overmanning at be that the cautious approach British Leyland and British accords most closely with the Steel somehow constitutes a mood of a still bruised and

chiks of the state in the name of the public, not by a few but by many, now runs very deep. In fits and starts it has been expressed in Tory themes and policies over the years, in expanded home ownership, obviously, in the goal of the property-owning democracy, in the Conservative preoccupation with schemes to encourage per-sonal saving and personal capital building and in warmth towards new small business and family concerns, whether

come together to give this familiar theme a new and more vigorous score. Council tenants have raised the standnicians have cast doubts on the

that an economy is not an about manufacturing capacity.

Employees have shuddered at the main election debate is the ruthless impersonality of bound to turn, as it usually the trade union machines as does, on what the existing government has really done what if returned again, it that an economy is not all resist its horrific implications. they drive their alleged group interest over personal circum-stances and the broad public

pposed to be struggling.
The renewed elevation of the

ideal of mass personal owner-ship does not meet all these hopes and fears—of course not. But it begins to create an insistent interest the other way. Given a push the facts start to influence the attitudes,

start to influence the attitudes.

That push is sower taxation on earnings—very much lower—the policy key which unlocks the door to a post-socialist society in which millions save a bit and own a bit and see their ownership grow instead of blindly following the seless campaigns against pro-fits and capital.

As to the theme of order, of course no party is entitled to offer instant solutions for the group ruthlessness which now seems to have taken hold in parts of our society, let alone for the ascending spiral of per-sonal violence which casts a shadow over every street and housing estate. But the Conservatives are entitled to empha-size their determination to organize and equip authority against crime and violence and

invariable virtues of scale.

Politicians worried by the miserable unemployment figures have seen the heavy excess manpower in larger scale industry and have drawn their own conclusions. Planuers have begun to understand that an economy is not all violent and ugly society, hovers menacingly just over the edge of public debate. Too much is said on the socialist side, and on key occasions much too little, to leave one anything but deeply worried about the basic will and desire of a Labour Government to that an economy is not all

and what, if returned again, it would do. No effort will be spared on the Conservative side Workers have begun to see in helping Labour to explain that through their pension exactly what it has done and schemes and life policies they already are the investors and in what kind of Britain, already are the investors and in what kind of international owners against whom they are supposed to be straighted. setting, its heavy future pro-gramme of socialism would bring about.

poetic imagination party exaggeration will be needed All is on record all or nearly all is lovingly set out in

There will be a need to show not just that they can and must defeat the socialism of the day, or the morrow, not just that they are driven by aspirations of freedom, but that they are capable of presiding with competence, commonsense and understanding over post-socialist society, where-people in their families count mightly, where their freedom to go in safety is of intense concern and where what they own by saving and share in the community by owning matters supremely.

In the months that remain the Conservatives have this

The author is Conservative MP for Guildford.

1 Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

Bernard Levin

Forget the fantasies, this is the reality of China today

series of articles, which appeared in the Toronto Globe and Mail, by Mr Ross Munro, that paper's correspondent in China since June 1975, who has now been told (because of this very series) that he must leave the country. What is par-ricularly valuable and refreshing about Mr Munro's honesty and skill is that, although he sees the same as other visitors and reporters, he is not con-tent simply to observe: he also seeks explanations for what he ees. Thus, he points out that

Most people who travel around China report that the cities are relatively orderly, quite unlike the scenes of urban chaos found in other parts of Asia. In Chinese cities, they have seen no teeming shantytowns, no one sleeping on the streets, no beggars staking out the beggars staking out

But he promptly continues by saying that:

urban population is severely limited because all but a niny minority of China's 650-million-ylus peasants don't have the right to move to the cities. This restriction is the greatest limitation of freedom that China imposes on its people. Today, innumerable people from the rural areas endure hardship and risk punishment by going to the ciries where they often lead marginal existences, living off friends the the statement they are the ciries where they often lead marginal existences, living off friends or relatives because they cannot legitimately obtain regular housing or the ration compons necessary to buy rice and clothing. If they're caught begging, the authori-ties send them back to the

It is worth pausing there to ask what Mr Musico's description of that state of affairatements us of is it not uncannily similar to South Africa's laws which daprive militons of Africans of any residence rights in the cities and enforce their return to the "homelands"? But of course there is one very dramatic difference; most of those who protest at the cruelty and injustice of such a system in South Africa have nothing to say against the cruelty and injustice of the system in China. (It was difficult enough to make Mr Peter Hain: "McLouistite against Soviet barbdrism: It would be

Bran a short trip away from one's wilage or city can be difficult to arrange, however. The would be traveller must first go to the leader of his unit—a factory workshop, a production team, in a commone or other organization he works for—and ask for leave from work; and permission to travels.

Once be gets permission from his work unit, the waveller must obtain special ration coupons enabling him to buy rice or bread outside his province. These coupons are one of the most basic of are one of the most basic of the control mechanisms in China. Ordinarily, families are issued gram coupons valid only in their frome pro-vince. They cannot hay even a bowl of rice in a res-taurant in another province. letter of introduction from his unit. If he stays with friends or relatives, they are required to register their guest with the local authorities.

fect of double-vision, how many of those who bave to describe the actions of the authorities in Western society, will use it about this translation into Chinese?

In recent years, millions of young people have been sent out of the cities and into the out of the cities and into the countryside upon graduation... They are observed, discussed and judged by local party functionaries, by work leaders and, in a limited but symbolically important way, by their fellow graduates. Getting back to the city can be an exceedingly tricky business. Commune officials say, for instance, that a young person can demonstrate a "good political atti-tude" by expressing an tude" by expressing an enthusiastic willingness to settle down in the country-side for the rest of his life.

wonder, then, that as Munro demonstrates,

pendent citizens of China seem to be those whose work gives them the opportunity to escape the constant con-trols of their units. Cardrivers on the road all day alone with their borse-drawn wagons seem to be among the most individualistic people in China, cussing and joking as the mood moves them and apparently quite unconcerned about when anyone thinks of them.

favouritism and nepotism, class connexions and "pull", are absent from the pure air of China. Mr Munro, howeve. has studied the situation as it actually exists, not as its admirers imagine it to be, and reports accordingly:

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ions help. In some schools, most of the students are sons and daughters of officials. Obviously there must be special privileges for their graduates. A student at Peking University inclis-creetly boasted that 37 per-cent of his high school class-had entered institutions of higher education. Those with enough political credentials, intellectual superiority or food connexions to gain entry to college or university embark on a career path that will take them into the cadre class. A cadre, by the loose Chinese definition, is either an official, a bureau-cret or a member of the "is-telligensis" which includes teachers, propagancists and professionals.

Mr Munro's work in China, consisting of clear-eyed obser-vation, has given us a very much better idea of the reality Greenes and Han Suyins and Neville Maxwells. And that we need his reality urgently is well shown by a recent report in the People's Daily, with which I shall conclude today, which I shall conclude today, before summing up on Friday the lessons Mr Muuro has tanger us. The Chiaese courts and the authoritative voice of China, are an instrument of oppression, designed to strengthen the dictatorship of the prolematist. Quite.

unless they present the (To be concluded) much prized national coupons. Once the traveller gets (Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

Mr Sadat, still relying on America to budge Israel

national peace conference have started in circumstances of

framework as no longer relevant, or at most an arena for the formal ratification of substantive agreements reached elsewhere. President Sadst, by essewhere. Fresheet Sats, by saying that the Cairo Conference could continue for minths, and be taken up to Foreign Minister level or even figher", has implied much the same: From the point of view of both Israel and preferable to the Geneva one because Mr Sedat issued the invitations in such a way that those parties whom he saw as putting procedural obstacles in the way of real negotiation— that is Syria, the PLO and the Soviet Union—were bound to

In other words, Mr Sadat has regineered a framework for bi-lateral negotiations between Egypt and Israel. Both parties tre swearing hand-on-heart, lowever, that this does not lean they want a separate

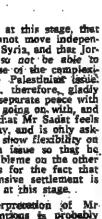
read they want a separate peace.

Ideally, of course, Israel would like peace with all her neighbours, if mutually acceptable terms could be found. But in readity Israel's policy-makers believe that peace with Syria is

dently from Syria, and that Jorstarted in circumstances of quite such confusion and ambiguity as the one which formally, officially it is merely a preparation for the resumption of the Geneva Conference. But unofficially the Izraells and Americans now seem incressingly to brush aside the Geneva conference mon-Egyptian issue so that he Arab parties for the fact that a comprehensive settlement is

That interpression of Fast interpretation of Missalar's intentions is probably right—at least in so far as it affects Syria. Mr Sadat has now made it clear that he does not believe the present Syrian regime is seriously interested in making peace, and also that he does not think it matters and sirce in the and Syrian much since in the end Syria has no choice but to tag slong behind Egypt. But it appears that he still hopes to bring in portien at a later stage of the negotiations and also some Paksninians, preferably includ-ing at least a part of the PLO.

No doubt his insistence on an independent Palestinian state in his speech to the Knesset was kirgely tactical, since in the past he has sought to meet Israeli fears by encouraigng a link between the Palestinians and Jordan. From practical point of view such link makes obvious sense, but



a max makes opvious sense, but the great emotional importance which Paltstinians attach to being recognized as a people



The head of the Israeli delegation, Ellahu Ben Elissar, right, is greeted in Cairo.

King Husein himself is well aware of this, and would be unlikely to re-assume respons-ibility for the West Bank unless asked to do so by some credible representatives of Palestinian ppinion, and given the green light by the more important Arab states. That in turn means that at least some Palestinian leaders formerly associated with

leaders formerly associated with the PLO, and perhaps claiming to represent the "real PLO", would have to be involved.

None of these people are likely to get involved unless they can be convinced that Israel is willing to withdraw from the West Bank and the lease Stripe And this, no combt. Gaza Strip. And this, no doubt,

is what the Egyptians mean when they propose that "follow the inaugural session, the conference will start discussing the core of the problem, which is the Palestinian question".

The Israelis know this, Mr Begin has said repeatedly in the last few weeks that he recognizes the existence of a "problem of the Palestinian Arabs", that he is prepared to discuss it and believes a solution can be found. Although theoretically committed by his election platlem of the Palestinian Arabs, that he is prepared to discuss it and believes a solution can be found. Although theoretically committed by his election platform not to allow any part of Judea and Samaria to return to foreign? (ie non-Israeli) rule, he has allowed Mr Dayan to say that Israel is willing to discuss a territorial partition of the area. But Mr Dayan has also pointed our that a partition

minium. It seems unlikely that this will be enough to tempt either the Palestinians themselves or King Husain, in which case it will be of little use to Mr Sadat.

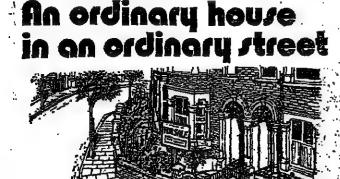
'Mr Sadat wants peace: that is clear. Indeed he seems to want something like an alliance world. But this projection is still apparently based on the assumption that once Israel is no longer threatened by Egypt as a hostile military power, she should be prepared to accept the pre-1967 irontiers as a basis for nonceiving the land. fer negotiation. So fer Israe shows no disposition to do this. The signs are that Mr Sedat is saill relying on American pres-sure to budget Israel, and that one of the main objectives of all his spectacular diplomacy in the last few weeks has been to assure himself or more wholehearted American support.

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thing but dour in a sparkling little speech which included some good jokes, such as the one about the police superintendent who caught one of his constables standing in:Trafalgar Square with his arms out-stretched, looking up at the pigeons and saying: "Go on. go on, everybody else does."

In the best traditions of public speaking, he ended up on a strong straight note: "It has not been an easy year for the Metropolitan Police. The maintenance of public order amidations trainers and industrial demonstrations and industrial disputes has been particularly demanding on resources, and in ommodity, menpower.

Far too many of our officers: have been injured. The strain on police wives and families has reached critical levels." Mr McNee was speaking after

for the children's section of the The Variety Club also pre-sented a cheque for £10,000 to Dawn House School, a special school run under the auspices of the Invalid Children's Aid Association, of which Princess Margaret is president. They received from the Second Sea Lord a cheque for £4,000 which

Coals to Newcastle?

Forty per cent of the requests from American libraries for documents from the British Library's lending division are for United States publications, say officials of the British Library. It turns out that requests are dealt with so speedily that it is often quicker for American institutions to send to the gient library at Boston Spa. in West. Yorkshire, than it is for them to try to obtain the publications through the national libraries in the United States.

A mix-up by a Worcester mail order firm has led to hundreds of people receiving a cassette of a rather naguhty Peter Cook and Dudley Moore recording being presented with a cheque —four letter words and of £5,000 by the Variety Club instead of Black Beauty. -four letter words and all-



Environmental considerations The row which I started in

these pages (December 8) on the performance of senior per-sonnel or the Ministry of De-fence in climbing the stairs at their eight-storey main building (where out-of-action lifts re-Tence in climbing the stairs at the fruith of what their eight-storey main building (where our of action hifts remained unrepeated through in dustrial action) has left them unmoved at the Department of the Environment. And not surther that bled to death of his more that bled to death of his more that bled to death of an apoplacy."

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ministers (headed by Peter Shore) who work at the 18-storey (ugly) Marsham Street a halt. For some time now a notice

"has been circulating advising that because of the sivile they might have to leave the fine views afforded by their offices (between the 15th and 18th) floors) and move down to less breathless climes. The official memorandum reads: "Contingency plans are being made for some ministers

and a few senior officers who need to work closely with them no move into temporary offices in the lower floors. The main criterion for deciding such moves (apart from health considerations) will be the need for relatively frequent and speedy movement in and out of the building, bearing in mind the need for ministers to be within division bell distance of the House ".

Bernard Levin went to see Wycherley's The Country Wife at the National Theatre the other day and noted a line that he says might have come straight out of the Steve Biko inquest. A character is insisting that the truth of what

The upper reaches

and detailed book about opera-singers called The Record of

The book is included by EMI in a limited edition of boxed sets of 12 records illustrating the work of the singers (scan-dalous and virtuous) before the First World Wes. Already, mough the albums have scarcely reached the shops. EMI are assured a sell-out even at the appropriately monumen-tal price of £35.

Some 250 of the singers mentioned in Scott's book are included on the records, the most curious perhaps being Professore Alessandro Moreschil, the only castrato ever recorded.

Strangely the older record. ing of all, made by an American called Ethen Beach Yaw in 1899 while she was in London re-bearing Sullivan's Kose of while she was in London re they were not sure. When they hearing Sullivan's Rose of rang us back they said that the Persia, established some sort of piantist would be unavailable.

Making an overture

Any suggestions (and they must be printable) for a signature tune for the European Parliament? I am told that the search is now on for a theme something "hummable", to play before sessions of the Parliament. The movement allegro molto from Hayda's 94th Symphony has apparently been suggested. Please do not panse to inquire what Westminster's tune is or why (indeed) a Parliament should

Possibly just hot air

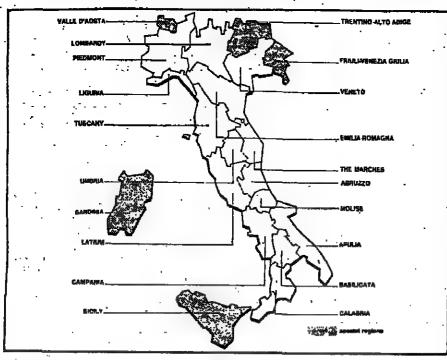
A reader rang us (sumsed that a group called, improbably, the Anal Zephyr Trio had been blooked for the National Theat's fearly evening seremade on December 19. Could they exist?

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r cent of votes cast at latest regional elections (June, 1975, unless otherwise specified): DC=Christian Democrat, PCI=ComDemocrat, PCI=ComDem stana, MSI = Movi- the St mento Sociale Italiano valley. (right wing)

Name and par regional president (Italy=100)
Unemployed, per cent
Ratio of type of employment, per cent: agriment, per cent: agr .cultural / industrial

G Regional capital

56,009,400 DC 35.3, PCI 33.4, PSI 12, others 19.3 100

3.31 16.4/43.7/39.9 VALLE D'AOSTA

31, A 113,720 B DC 21.4, PCI 18.5, PSI 8.5, UV 33.9, others 18.7 (June. 1973) Mario Andrione (UV)

munist, PSI=Socialist, Italy's smallest region used to suffer from Isolation until the UV=Unione Valdo-two great tunnels were opened under Monte Bianco and slana. MSI = Movi-the St Bernard and a motorway was completed through the

party of PIEDMONT

regional president

A 4,541,789

Average income per head B DC 32.1, PCi 33.9. PSi 12.9, others 21.1 Aldo Vigilone (PSI) 129.1

2.06 11.4/55/33.6

Despite its strong French tradition, Pledmont was the cradle of Italian unity. With the Flat works in Turin, it is the centre of Italy's engineering industry; it also produces the country's

LOMBARDY

A 8,837,350 B DC 37.5, Pi C Cesare Go D 138.5 E 1.54 DC 37.5, PCI 30.4, PSI 14.1, others 18 Cesare Golfari (DC) 138.5

G Milan

Lombardy is the heart of Italy's economy. Milan is its busi- G Rome ness centre, as well as its cultural magnet, and the region's Latium su great plain must have seemed for centuries the promised land to invaders descending the Alps.

LIGURIA

A 1,867,439 DC 30.4, PCI 38.4, PSI 13.5, others 17.7 Angelo Carossino (PCI)

E .3.16 F 8.1/38.3/53.8

A steeply mountainous coast has given the region an outwardlooking character. It is no coincidence that Italy's greatest port, Genoa, and liziy's greatest explorer-Columbus-both

TUSCANY

A 3,566,696 DC 28.5, PCI 46.5. PSI 10.7, others 14.3 Lelio Lagorio (PSI)

10.5/47.5/42 G Florence

Tuscans allow no doubts that their region produces the best spoken Italian, the world's finest treasure-house of art and the grandest combination of man with God in the balance of

UMBRIA

795,246 DC 27.6, PCI 46.2, PSI 13.9, others 12.3 Germano Marri (PCI)

4.18 18.5/42.5/39

Perugia Umbria's apparent serenity, spitomized by the quiet of Assisi and Spoleto, is broken by dissatisfaction with its lack of development and a feeling that it is caught between the busy north and the subsidized south.

SARDINIA

1,552,854 DC 38.3, PCI 26.8, PSI 11.7, others 23.2 (June, 1974) Pietro Soddu (DC) 74.6

result is a type of demo cracy quite unlike the Anglo

in all 20 regions, and, for that matter, the balance of political weight within the regions estimated on a

national scale. The advance of the left, meant in effect

that about a half the total population was under

population was under regional and local govern-ment administrations in which the left played its

The fact that at regions

considerations counselling ex-treme caution in collabora

tion between the left and other parties were not rele-

want meant that arrange-ments could be made never

before tried in the national Parliament. They are being tried now and are less dis-

turbing to public opinion be cause of the whole series of regional experiments which

In this sense, the extremely brief existence of the regions

can be said to have contri buted heavily towards the solution of the dilemma left

by last year's general elec-tion. Deadlock looked in-critable but the necessary

flexibility was found and a

new phase began in the way Itn'v is governed. The principal object of

reginnalism is not, bowever to prepare the path for new

versions of democracy at the

national level. The real object of the regions is to correct the historic error of

imposing centralization on a country with such deen local

differences and to project an idea for the future of administration kent in terms of size within human limits. The 20 Italian regions vary greatly in size: Lombardy

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preceded them.

5.42 20.1/33.6/46.2

Few parts of Europe have remained so firmly outside the history of the continent (a word which Sardmans reserve for the Itelian mainland). This, as much as its lovely coast-line, is why the leland retains a unique fascination.

A 4,916,326 B DC 31.5, PCI 33.5, PSI 9.8, others 25.2 G Giulio Santarelli (PSI)

9,8/32.8/57.8

Latium suffers from Rome's huge predominance. If it is to fulfil its regional function, it must remind people that other places exist, such as Viterbo. Rieli and Frosinoneably more humble, but deserving their own identity.

CAMPANIA

5,280.651 DC 36.7, PCI 27.1, PSI 10.4, others 25.8 Russo (DC) 65.4

21.3/36.4/42.3

Naples Overshadowed by Naples-a resilient city which sometimes appears to be falling apart before one's eyes—Campania is Italy's second most populous region and its second poorest in terms of average income.

CALABRIA

2,034,488 DC 39.5. PCI 25.2. PSI 14.7, others 20.5 Aldo Ferrara (DC)

6.78

28.1/31.3/40.6

Catanzaro usies between individual towns and villages have hampered the creation of a regional identity. There is little industry, and Calabrans may justly ten that they deserve more than natural beauty and the respect of the cognoscenti.

A 4.860,399 B DC 33.3, PCI 10.5, PSI 10.8, MSI 16.3, others 29.1 (June, 1976)

Angelo Benfiglio (DC) 66.3 4.39 25.6/33.4/41

G Palermo
The Island was granted semi-autonomy in May, 1946, before the Italian constitution itself came into force. The move was affective, and although Sicilian regionalism was for long chaotic, it has recently acquired a more even temper.

TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE

866,484 DC 35.6, PCI 7.5, PSI 8.4, PPST/PPTT. 31.7, others 16.8 (Nov., 1973)

Spartaco Marziani (DC)

1.62 16.2/36/47.8 Trento

Tirol substantial autonomy within a region which also includes the province of Tranto. Occasionally violent objections by extremists among the German speakers seem to be quiescent

VENETO

A 4,277,530 B DC 48, PCI 22.8, PSI 12.8, others 16.4 Angelo Tomelleri (DC) 96.3 0.84

Venice continues to be one of the few dreams which maintain the promise of their fame. Smaller cities, such as Vicenza and Verona and the Po delta itself-retain a style and frashnasa of their own.

FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA

1,244,595 DC 39.7, PCI 20.9, PSI 12.3, others 24.1 (June 1973) Antonio Comelli (DC)

Italy's most sensitive frontier had to await colution of the Trieste dispute before it became a special region. The largely agricultural area of Friult was added to compensate for the loss of much of the city's hinterland

EMILIA ROMAGNA

3.935.722 DC 25 3, PCI 48 3, PSI 10.2 others 16.2 Sergio Cavina (PCI) 114.9

2.84

16.9/43.0/40.1

The leading communist stronghold is renowned for serious devotion to good eating and drinking and physical pleasures. Bologna has a tradition of flery political oratory to which both Pietro Nenni and Mussolini belong

THE MARCHES

1.390,400 DC 36.5, PCI 36.9. PSI 9.8, others 16.8

21.2/42 9/35 9

A border region, neither poor nor subject to uncontrolled industrial expansion. Artisen trades survive strongly and its countryside has a quiet beauty, though too many of its in-

habitants have left for the coastal lowns ABRUZZO

1,211, 460 DC 42.5, PCI 30.3, PSI 10.2, others 17

Romeo Ricciuti (DC)

28.7/32.5/38.8

Before the motorways, when the route from Rome to L'Aquila was open only in the summer, this central region used to be more closely connected with the south. It is mountainous,

MOLISE

329,547 DC 49.9, PGI 17.9, PSI 10.1, others 22.1

4.31 41.4/27.9/30 6

G Campobasso
Bossting neither the population nor the economic weight to rank as a separate region. Molise was given this status mainly because of the communication difficulties which would

have arisen if it had been attached to Abruzzo or Umbria

APULIA

3,771.949 DC 39.2, PCI 28.5, PSI 11.9, others 20.4 Nicola Rotolo (DC)

64.7 4.76 34.6/30.7/34.7

Low-lying areas are fertile. Olives and vines seem to spread to infinity. But the hill country is poor, and industrial projects—steel at Taranto, petrochemicals at Brindisi—are still out of balance in the regional structure.

BASILICATA

DC 41.9, PCI 27.1, PSI 13.2, others 17.8

Vincenzo Verrasiro (DC) 58.9

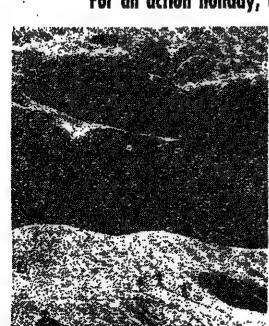
4.76 39.5/32/28.5

G Potenza
Reafforestation and the revival of a pastoral economy are vital if the region's potential is to be realized, and methane deposits in the Basento valley deserve development. So do plans to attract more visitors.

by Peter Nichols sgo and are now well into the fourth system of government which they have tried in so brief a period. Italians are prodigal in inventing ways of governing themselves. To keep strictly to modern times, they achieved their notional unity achieved their notional unity achieved their notional unity a decade before the Germans little more than a century sgo and are now well into elite. Fascism knocked that years, to a Communist party which was also based on the developed some surprising to the misses and not of an elite. At the country's needs and haritage general election last year, which saw a consolidation of Christian Democratic way as possible for both: the misses and not of an elite. At the general election last year, which saw a consolidation of Christian Democratic strength and a big advance to Administration could rely on the abstention in Parliament of the Communists and Catholics way as possible for both: the misses and not of an elite. At the general election last year, which saw a consolidation of Christian Democratic strength and a big advance to the country's needs and haritage general election last year, which saw a consolidation of Christian Democratic strength and a big advance to the developed some surprising of the fourth system of government which had already proved principle of the misses and not of an elite. At the general election last year, which saw a consolidation of Christian Democratic strength and a big advance to the principle of the misses and not of an elite. At the general election last year, which saw a consolidation of Christian Democratic strength and a big advance to the principle of the misses and not of an elite. At the general election last year, which saw a consolidation of Christian Democratic strength and a big advance to the principle of the misses and not of an elite. At the general election last year, which was also based on the developed some surprising of an elite. At the principle of the misses and not of an elite. At the principle of the misses a Friuli Venezia Giulia

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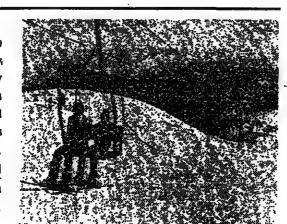
For an action holiday, a whole mountain area to be discovered



The Tarvisio area: with the special fascination of its lakes and forests, its rolling acres of fields and its tall mountains, its glaciers and its evertasting snows, the area is endowed with a wealth of resources: not just the environment, but also its history, living testimony to the way in which peoples of different languages and traditions have lived together in harmony.

Even in winter, fast roads provide access to the better known towns and to strange and interesting places, to snow fields and to ski runs and trails, served by a comprehensive system of ski lifts and

Carnia: the home of a hard-working and hospitable people, its landscape infinitely variable in every. season, its facilities for visitors continually improving. Already popular resorts are taking on a new look as the vast ski areas of Zoncolan and Varmost are being opened out. Arta Terme is still one of the leading international thermal spas. On the border with Cadore and Austria, the full range of the Eastern Dolomites and the Carnia Alps is criss-crossed by safe paths and routes.





The area of Pordenone: most of this area has yet to be fully discovered. Here the mountains are often harsh, but small villages nestle against their flanks and there are valleys of outstanding beauty at their foot, in which nature is still unspoiled and where each changing season paints the landscape with different colours. For lovers of winter sports, Piancavallo on the edge of the plain provides all the attractions of a modern resort, with facilities for every form of recreation or sport.

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Italian political life which developed some surprising and very unusual features. Communists and Catholics cooperated in as painless a way as possible for both: the minority Christian Democratic Administration could roly on the abstantion in Parliament of the Communists as well as the small lay parties, excepting only the neo Fascists. This indirect support grew Lombardy snow & cathedrals. This indirect support grew into a six-party governmental programme which was essentially, in terms of political weight, a formal understanding between Christian Democrats and Communists. There is no clear distinction between government and opposition. Only the Christian Democrats are in government but they have no majority of their own. The result is a type of demo-



Come to Lombardy where snow can wait for you all year long. You will find over 800 miles of snow-tracks and first class ski-lifts.

You can go to Valtellina, to Aprica, Bormio, Madesimo, S. Caterina Valfurva, to Chiesa Valmalenco. Or else you can ski above Bergamo, Brescia, Como, Lecco or on the Apennines of Pavia. Here you will also find many thermal springs, oases of peace where nature still plays a regenerating role. Arriving or leaving you must stop at our lakes and visit our towns and villages.

Gonzaga have handed this region over to history.

You will see cathedrals, squares, castles and frescoes everywhere. And you will realize how the most famous artists, summoned here by the great families of Lombardy like the Sforza, the Visconti and the

Lombardy written about by man designed by nature.

Energy is the theme linking four stamps to

be issued by the Post Office on January 25 as

part of a continuing series on British industrial

activity. The designer is Mr Peter Murdoch.

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Mr. S. Baker, Mp. Mr. H. Blandford,
Mr. R. Baker, Mp. Mr. H. Blandford,
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Mr. J. S. W. Bullots, Lord Carrof
Mr. J. S. Gordon, Mr. G. Mr. Norman
Fowler, Mp. the Hon Roser Frankland,
Mr. J. G. Gordon, Mr. G. M. Hallowes,
Mr. R. B. Hart, Mr. S. E. A. Kimmins,
Mr. P. C. Law, Sir Robert Maclean,
Mr. F. M. Russell, Mr. R. O. C. Swayne,
Mr. M. R. M. C. Thorogood, General A.
Thoulouze
And Admiral Sir John
Treacher.

Royal Society of St George
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress, accompanied by the
Sheriffs and their ladies, artended
a Christmas diamer given by the
Royal Society of St George (City
of London Branch) at the Mansion House yesterday evening, Mr
Charles Coward, chairman of the
council, presided, and the other
speakers were Lord Denning,
Master of the Ross, Vice-Admiral
Sir Richard Smeeton and Mr
Bernard L. Morgan.
Charterhouse Founder's Day

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The Archbishop of Canterbury was
the preacher at the Charterhouse
Founder's Day service held yesterday at Charterhouse. Afterwards
a dinner was held at which the
speakers were the Master of
Charterhouse, the Headmoster of
Charterhouse, Sir Henry Mance
and the Hon R. B. I. Pearce, QC.

Association of Lancastrians in

The annual carol service of the

The annual carol service of the Association of Lancastrians in London was held in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy last night. Sir Desmond Heap, past president, read a lesson and Canon Edwyt Young, chaplain to the association, officiated. Afterwards Sir Desmond Heap received the guests at a dinner at the Waldorf Hotel.

London
Lord Clark, OM, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Women's Advertising Club of London at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mrs Kathryn Michael, president of the club, was in the

McKenus Dinner
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The McKenus dinner marking the
graduation of students from the
Empiro Test Pilots' School was
held at the RAF Officers' Mess,
Boscombe Down, last night.
Marshal of the RAF Sir Neil
Cameron, Chief of the Defence
Staff, was the guest of bonour.
Group Captain M. K. Adams
presided.

Other appointments
Canon F. Bamber, lately Vicer of
Mellor, diocese of Blackburn, to be
canon emerius.
The Rev P. S. Gowen, Chapisin of
Nicosia and Larmaca, diocese of Copcus
and The Gull, to be Vicer of St.
Paul's. Harringay, diocese of London,
The Rev Chansdole, Vicer of
St. Rev Chansdole, Vicer of
the Rev Chansdole, Vicer of
the Cattor
and Downham Team Ministry, same
diocese.

Service dinner

Other appointments

Dinners



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 13: The Right Hon
James Callaghan, MP (Prime
Minister and First Lord of the
Treasury), had an audience of The
Queen this evening.
The Prince of Wales, Patron,
this morning at Buckingham Palace
received members of the Operation
Device Expedition.

this morning at Buttingham Palace received members of the Operation Drake Expedition.

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Gordon Highlanders, received Lieutenant-General Sir George Gordon Lennox, Colonel of the Regiment.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a dinner at the Eccentric Club in aid of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal and the Artists' Benevolent Fund.

His Royal Highness left Euston in the Royal Train to visit Greater Manchester in aid of The Queen, the Baroness Stedman (Baroness In Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the departure of The President of the French Republic and bade farewell to His Excelency on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE

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December 13: Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded the Lady Jean Ran-kin as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. KENSINGTON PALACE

December 13: The Princess
Margaret, Countess of Snowdon,
as President of the Invalid
Children's Aid Association, today
attended the Variety Club of Great
Britain's Christmas Luncheon at the Savoy Hotel. The Hon Mrs Wills was in

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 13: The Duke of Gloucester attended a Reception given
by The Scientific Exploration
Society to launch Operation Drake
at the Attenaeum Hotel, Piccaat the Athenaeum and dilly, this afternoon.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE Pocember 13: The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders' Annual Banquet which vas held at Grosvenor Rouse.

Liondon.
Lieutenauri-Commander Richard
Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Str York Beverley, 82; Str Thomas Bromley, 66; Lord Erskine of Retrick, 84; Lord Erakine of Retrick, 84; General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick, 65; Major-General F. C. C. Graham, 69; Sir Cyril Harrison, 76; Judge Sir Ian Lewis, 82; Sir Thomas Macdonald, 79; Dame Ruth Raftton, 62; Colonel Sir Cennydd Traherne, 67; Professor Alfred Ubbelonde, 70.

Eton College

The Michaelmas half at Eton College closes today. There are 132 boys leaving. The Rosebery History Exhibition has been awarded to D. W. K. Anderson, KS, and the Newcastle Classical Prize to N. T. Morgan, KS. In the fittel of the House Association Mr. frize to N. 1. Storgan, and the fixed of the House Association Mr G. D. Royson's defeated Mr T. L. Holder's by three goals to one. The Lent helf, in which the new provost, Skr Martin Charteris, takes up his appointment, begins on January 11.

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marriages Mr P. D. Cole and Miss S. W. Masefield The engagement is amounced between Peter, twin son of the late Mr and Mrs H. D. Cole, of Sonning, Berkshire, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs O. S. Masefield, of Kingswood,

Captain N. M. Hall, RM, and Miss S. L. Lowther-Pinkerton The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Major and Mrs A. M. Hall, of Buckland Newton, Dorset, and Sarab, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. H. Lowther-Pinkerton, of Alderton, Suffolk, Mr C. K. Flynn and Miss F. G. Gascoyne Mr M. E. Hudson and Miss A. D. Barclay

Mr T. P. Cullen and Miss J. A. Timmer

The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P. Cullen, of Winkfield, Berkshire, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Timmer, of Fort Victoria, Phodesia.

and Miss F. G. Gascoyne

The engagement is announced between Christopher. only son of Mr and Mrs K. H. Flynn, of Majdenhead. Berkshire, and Felicity. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Gascoyne, of Currall Hall, Tenbury Wells, Westerstein

The engagement is aumounced between Michael, youngest son of Brigadier and Mrs J. C. Hudson, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Barclay, of Aldborough, Mr R. P. T. Hines and Miss F. J. Davenport and Miss F. J. Davenport
The engagement is announced between Richard Peter Treadwell, elder son of Mr A. J. Rines, of 30 Hampstead Lane, London, NG, and Mrs J. M. Pearson, of 6 Monnagu Mews West, London, W1, and Frances Jane (Jenny), younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Davenport, of The Thatches, Thurlestone, Devon. Mr A. St J. Robinson and Miss H. M. J. Linehan The engagement is amounced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth St J. Robinson, of Orchardleigh, Shere, Surrey, and Hanora, only daughter of the late Mr Timothy Linehan and of Mrs Mary Linehan, of Islington, London.

The engagement is atmounced between Charles Fisher, son of the late Dr C. R. St Johnston and of Mrs E. M. St Johnston, of the Old Mill, Childswick, Worcestershire, and Jennifer Ann. daughter of Mr and Mrs D. L. Cooper-Jones, of New Barnet, Herifordshire

Mr R. I. Thomson and Miss B. J. Greaves The engagement is aunounced between Richard, son of the Rev G. I. F. and Mrs Thomson, of Yaruton. Oxford, and Belinda, daughter of Dr and Mrs I. R. Greaves, of Sandwich, Kenz.

Russell, Mr Stanley Arthur, of Luton, insurance company man-ager ... £190,273

Latest appointment.

Mr P. C. Bowring and Miss M. E. Franklin

Mr S. Sherbrooke and Miss M. McCres

All the best for Christmas

and the New Year.

Christmas Day Le Trianon, Traditional

person, £7.50 for children under 12. Restaurant will be

Le Cafe Jardin Coffee House. Traditional

Boxing Day Le Trianon open for Luncheon

New Year's Eve Le Trianon open for Luncheon as usual. Dinner by candlelight, Art Fairbank at the plane,

Rotunda Bar: Music provided by Cathy Kinley.

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LeCafeJardin Coffee House is open 24 hrs a day

Christmas Luncheon £5.50 per person, £4.00 for

Christmas Luncheon, presents from Father Christmas for the children, Art Fairbank at the piano, £12.50 per

Christmas Eve Le Trianon Restaurant open for

Martiages

Latest appoint /2nts include: Mr John Gam neil. Headmaster of Repton since 1968, to join the Cambridge University Careers

and suss M. E. Franklin
The marriage took place on
Saturday, December 10, at the
Church of St Michael, Kirby-leSoken, between Mr Patrick
Bowring and Miss Mary Franklin.
A reception was held afterwards
at Landermere Hall.

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 10, at St Mary's, Bayford, between Mr Simon Sherbrooke and Miss Miranda McCrea. The Rev J. A. Davies officiated, assisted by Father D. Baker.

assisted by Pather D. Baker.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Elizabeth Sherbrooke, Miss Emma Ross, Helen and James Baly, Laura Maxwell-Strart and Clennel Collingwood.

Mr Giles Winter was best man.

Latest wills

cot.

Luncheons

Lillian Violet Cooke, of Newport, Gwent, left £14,435 net. She left all her property to her parish church, St Mary the Virgin, Caldi-HM Government Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, was host at a government luncheon at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of Herr H. Rohde, Minister of Education for the Federal Republic of Germany. Dr R. Jochimsen and the Ambassador for the Federal Republic of Germany were among the guests. Other wills include the base of the care paid: tax not disclosed):
Capo-Blanco, Mrs Elleen Cecilia,
£192,820 Other wills include (net, before

HM Government Mix Frank Judd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at 1 Cariton Gardens yesterday in honour of Governor James Thompson, of Illinois, and Mrs Thompson. Among those present were:

The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Shields, of Rosslyn Park. South Australia, and Pamela, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. P. Heath, of Cooks Place, Albury, Surrey.

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The engagement is announced
between Jeremy, only son of Mr
and Mrs G. H. Orsborn, of Alresford, Hampshire, and Pamela, only
daughter of Professor and Mrs
lan W. Lesslie, of Woking, Surrey.

Mr J. G. Orsborn and Miss P. M. Lesslie

Mr Jack Suiser, Mr Michael Corkery, Dr Feter Chester, Dr John Powell, Professor Lyn Davies, Mr Graham Zel-lick and Mr Ramsey Melhuish.

HM Government Mr Even Luard, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at the Carlton Tower hotel yester-day in honour of Mr Azim Husain, Deputy Secretary-General, Com-monwealth Secretariat. Among those present were: ise present were:

High Commissioner for Maurillus,
Antony Duff, Shri C. Dasgunia,
Ross Deane, Mr Laurie Parit, MP,
Derok Ingram, Mr Rogor de Boolsy,
Robin O'Nell. Mrs Beryl Chity
i Mr Tom Duggin,

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr P. R. A. Mansfield, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was hosts at a luncheon held at the Carlton Tower botel vesterday in honour of M Edem Kodjo. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Togo. Among the guests were:

were:
The Ambassader of Togo, M Lawson,
Mr M. D. Torry, Mr Richard Wads,
Miss Belly Boothroyd, MP, Mr R. A.
Kahane (American Embassy) and Mr

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr I. J. M. Sutherland, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held at the Goring Hotel yesterday in honour of Hear Erich Kuepker, Lower Saxony Minister for the Economy and Transport. Among the quests were: the guests were :

Commonwealth Parilamentary Association

Mr James Johnson, MP, deputy chairman, United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamen-tary Association, was host at a luncheon given by the executive committee in honour of the High Commissioner for India at the House of Commons yesterday. Among those present were:

Church news

The Rev Keith Norman Sutton, Principal of Ridley Hall Theological College, Cambridge, is to be Bishop, Sufferent of Kingston upon Thames, in succession to Dr Montefiore, who was recently appointed Elshop of Birmingham. Mr Sutton, aged 43, has been principal at Ridley Hall since 1973. Before that he was tutor and chaplain of Bishop Tucker College at Mukono, Uganda.

25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, Dec 13, 1952

The Queen's title The following annuncement was issued from 10 Downing Street last night: The Prime Minister and night: The Prime Alinister and other representatives of Commonwealth countries in London for the Commonwealth Economic Conference have considered the form of the royal title. They recognize that the present rule is not in accord with current conspitutional relations within the Commonwealth, and that there is need for a new form of title which will, in particular, reflect the special position of the Sovereign as head of the Commonwealth. They concluded, after full consideration, that in the present stage of envisaged. to a series of the series of t

want, to be Team Rector of the Cations and the Downham Team Ministry, same discrete.

The Rer P. S. Wilson, Vicar of Corney with Monellan and Donaghmore, discrete of Derry and Raphoe, to be priest-in-charge of St Vary's, Castletowa, discrete of Sodor and Man. The Rev R. M. Wilson, curate of Bottoloh's Knottingley, discrete of Walefield, it be priest-in-charge of Walefield, it be priest-in-Carge of Walefield, the Cathering of Luke's, Cleckherion, same discost. development of the Commonwealth relationship it would be in accord with the established constitutional with the established constitutional position that each member country should use for its own purposes a form of title which suits its own particular circumstances but retains a substantial element which is common to all. They agreed that the various forms of the title should, in addition to an appropriate territorial designation, have as their common element the description of the Sovereign as Queen of her other realms and territories and head of the Commonwealth. The representatives of all the Commonwealth countries concerned have agreed to take at the earliest convenient opportunity such action as is necessary in each country to secure the appropriate constitutional approval for the changes now envisaged.

Today's engagements The Queen holds an investiture,

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The Prince of Wales, as Chairman, the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal, visits Greater Manchester: Thameside College of Technology, 10.40; Adelphi Building, Salford, 3.20; Bolton Town Hall, 4.40: Octagon Theatre, Bolton, 7.35.

St Mary-ie-Strand, 6.30.
Princess Alice Duchess of Cloucester attends gala concert given
by London Mozart Players,
Festival Hall, 7.45.
Pickars Festivathes approxi-Dickens Fellowship annual pre-

OBITUARY

SIR CHARLES PETRIE Historian and man of letters

histories, but his The Jacobite Movement (1932, with a new

Movement (1932, with a new edition in 1959), was undoubtedly his most important work. His inherited, Jacobite sympathies combined with his modern Toryism to make this book, which was still further brought up to date in 1959, a labour of love. Indeed, the research into new impublished documents for his later books, The Marshal Duke of Berwick (1953) and The Stuarts (1937.

(1953), and The Stuarts (1937, and revised after the war), the

former containing a number of hitherto unpublished letters between the Duke of Berwick and Alba and his son, who was

campaigning in the 1745 rebel-lion, largely assisted Petrie in

Letters of Sir Austen Chamber-

Sir Charles Alexander Petrie,
Bt, CEE, historian and man of letters, died yesterday at the age of 82.

Petrie, who succeeded his Petrie's first head one well out of the war. had done well out of the wat ".)

Petrie's first book was published in 1929 under the title of The History of Government and attracted little attention. From then on, however, he published a series of historical works which showed sound schokarship. His George Canning, published in 1949, was the fore-runner of a series of excellent histories, but his The Jacobita Petrie, who succeeded his brother as third baronet in 1927 played a considerable part in the Tory politics of his time from his undergraduate days onward, being as much interested in contemporary politics as in the history about which

The Petries, a family which came originally from Aberdeen and Kincardineshire (an ancestor fought at Bannockburn), declined in fortune as a result of supporting the Stuarts after the Revolution. They migrated to Ulster in the eighteenth century, Petrie's own branch returning in the 1870s to Liverpool, in whose civic, particularly Tory, activities Petrie's father, the first baronet, played a considerable part. Petrie's mother was a Macdonald descended from a younger brother of the Seven Men of Moidart who had taken refuge in Canada after the defeat of the Forty-Five. Indeed, Petrie used to attribute his lifelong interest in the largebiese (where the forty-Five. he wrote. his lifelong interest in the Jacobires (whose cause formed the theme of undoubtedly his best historical work) to his descent on both sides from Stuart supporters.

He was educated privately and at Corpus Christi College, oxford. He went up to the university in October, 1914 and, like many others of his generation who survived, returned there after the war. Together with many fellow undergraduates who later became famous, he played a considerable part in the politics of the time. He was the first President of the Oxford Carlton Club, and so remained for many years

Belgian Chamber of Commerce
The Belgian Ambassador and the
Luxembourg Ambassador attended
a luncheon given by the Belgian
Chamber of Commerce in Great
Britain at the Anglo-Belgian Club
yesterday. The Belgian Minister
for Foreign Trade, M H. de
Bruyne, was the guest speaker. M
Guy Roberty, chairman of the
chamber, presided. Other guests
included Baron E. de Selys Longchamps, M H. Perdius and Baron
Thierry de Gruben,
wh F. S. Law so remained for many years and, on coming down, founded the Eighteen Club, the object of which was to keep Conservatives who had been at Oxford since 1918 in touch with each other. The club, which dined monthly until the early 1950s, contained a number of distinguished another of distinguished a By Huon Mallalieu In 1975 Margaret Drabble wrote that "there would be more genuine rejoicing at the discovery of a new novel by Jane Austen than any other literary discovery, short of a new major play by Shakespeare, that one can imagine". The discovery of an unknown play by Jane Austen presumably ranks with that of a novel by Shakespeare.

Yesterday the manuscript of her guished members and represented at least two generations of Oxford Toryism. Yesterday the manuscript of her Str Charles Grandison or the Happy Man, a Comedy, based on Richardson's novel, was sold at Sotheby's for £17,000 (estimate about £15,000). It came from the collection of her great-great-nephews and was bought by Mr David Astor, of Jubilee Books, Burford, who was determined that it should not be "lost in the library of an American university." The second day of the sale of

Indeed, apart from his pro-fession as a historian, Petrie would probably best wish to have been remembered for his fostering of Oxford Toryism. (He would have preferred to call it Toryism rather than Con-

lain (two vols 1939-40). After the war he produced A Diplomatic History 1713-1933 (1946) and Earlier Diplomatic History 1492-1713 (1949). His interest in Spain (he was a corresponding member of the Royal Spanish Academy of History and of the Institucion Fernando el Catolico, Zaragoza; Fernando el Catolico, Zaragoza; a Commander of the Order of Isahella the Catholic and a Knight of the Order of Civil Merit) showed itself in his History of Spain which he wrote with Louis Bertrand in 1934 and which was published in a new edition in 1957, and the History

Petrie's Chapters of Life, an autobiography (1950), was a pleasing reflection of the author's character; amiable and

extrovert. But he contained to write prolifically well into old age. Later books included Philip II of Spain (1963); King Alfonso XIII (1963); Scenes of Edwardian Life (1965); Don John of Austria (1967); The Drift to World War 1900-1914 (1968); A Historian looks at his World (1972); and A Short History of Spain (1976).

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Petrie was anached to the War Cabinet Office in 1918-19 and it was perisaps in those offices, surrounded by history, that his first interest in historical matters developed. He became in later years president of the Military Historical Society of Ireland and, for many year, edited The Household Brigade Magazine. He was foreign editor of the English Review from 1931-37—them a considerable force in Tory politics—associate editor in 1940-41, and editor in 1941-43 of The Empire Review, and managing editor of The New English Review from 1945-50. During the Second World War he was official lecturer to HM Forces and travelled widely in the pursuit of his duties. He was a Commendatore of the Order of the Crown of Italy and a Commander of the Order of George I of Greece, this latter being a reward for the behind-the scenes role he played in helping to secure the first restoration of King George II of the Hellenes in 1934.

Perrie was an ardent monarchist and was on terms of

lion, largely assisted Petrie in producing the 1959 version of The Jacobite Movement.

His sense of historical atmosphere again was to be seen in his The Four Georges: A Revaluation (1935) and in his Wellington: A Re-assessment (1956). His interest in contemporary diplomatic history showed itself in his Life and Letters of Sir Austen Chamberof King George II of the Herlenes in 1934.

Perrie was an ardent monarchist and was on terms of
personal friendship with the
claimants to the thrones of
Austria. Spain, France and
Portugel, But in political, as in
social matters, Petrie, though a
richt-winger, was no die-herd.

I ke his hero, Charles II, he
liked people to be easy about
him, a fact which contributed
to the wide circle of his friends.

He was twice married, first
bo Ursula, daughter of the late
Judge Dowdall. The son of the
regriage. Charles Richard
Rorthwick Petrie, succeeds him.

The marriage was dissolved in
1925. Petrie's second marriage
was in 1976 to Cecilia Mason
by whom he had one son. If
was ideally happy, Lady Petrie
sharing his political interestiand moreover being, particular and moreover being participated interesti-larly in civic matters (she wim-Mayor of Kensington freign 1934-56 and a member of to?) LCC from 1949) a very distince personality in her own right to

PROFESSOR SIR HUGH ROBSON

of the Spanish Royal House in

Professor Sir Hogh Robson, FRCP, FRCPEd, FRACP, FRSE, Principal of the University of Edinburgh since 1974, Ilbrary of an American university."

The second day of the sale of aniograph letters, manuscripts and documents made a total of £77,822, with 4.5 per cent bought in. A letter from Professor Tolkien to Naomi Mitchison describing the Westron and Elvish languages in The Lord of The Rines was sold for £680 (estimate £600 to £600), and another, thanking her for a review, for £700 (estimate £600 to £700). died on December 11 at the age of 60. Hugh Robson was a man of great strength of character and leadership who, as Princi-pal and Vice-Chancellor, made a major impact on two great universities, who on the national stage gave sterling service to the public and to the university community and who, as a dis-tinguished teacher of medicine, did much for the cause of medical education in two continents. Born on October 18, 1917,

in Langholm and educated at Langholm and Duméries scademies, he entered the University of Edinburgh to study medicine and graduated MB, ChB in 1941. His war service was with the RNVR as Surgeon-Lieutenant, in the Western Approaches. Normandy, Arakan and Malays, from 1942-46.

Keeper of the Department of Woodwork, and subsequently

Edwards was in his own way a devoted Welshman, who in later years spent much of his leisure in Monmouthshire, and

A strongly cast archaic bronze from 1942-46.

Returning to the University of Edinburgh as a lecturer in medicine in 1947, he was within three years appointed to a Senior Lectureship in the University of Aberdeen and in a further three years, at the age of 35, to a chair—that of the first Professor of Medicine—at

Austrelie.

wine vessel from the Shang dynasty went to another anonymous bidder for £17,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000). The sale made a total of £55,140, with 14.3 percent bought in.

The antiquities made a total of £167,485. A lace-period Egyptian black basalt head of an official was sold for £13,500, and in a very different tradition, a Bakongo wood maternity figure went for £9,200 (estimate £4,000 to £56,000).

Christie's sold miniatures and objects of virth bringing a total of £41,510, with 20 per cent bought in, and £nglish watercolours made £40,373, with 8 per cent bought in. "The Lesson", a fine example of Myles Birket Foster's high-Victorian style and subject matter, was sold for £3,600 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000).

Phillips, who held their first New York sales in Madison Avenue last week, have acquired Coleman Auction Galleries, at 525 East 72nd Street, generally regarded as the fourth largest auction house in New York. Coleman's, founded in 1920 and situated in a former theatre, will provide Phillips with much

Yesterday the manuscript of her

Sotheby's also sold Chinese and Amamese ceramics, bronzes and works of art, and antiquities and tribal art. In the former sale an early Ming blue-and-white dice bowl decorated with dragons went

bowl decorated with dragous went to an anonymous buyer for £28,000 (estimate, £20,000 to £30,000). A large grey postery figure of a woman, dating from the Han dynasty, went to Hirano from Japan for £20,000 (estimate £7.000 to £9,000), and J. T. Tai, also from Japan, paid £18,000 for an archaic brooze ritual food vessel dating from the Shang or early Western Chou dynasty (estimate £10,000 to £12,000.

A strongly cast archaic brooze

£700).

lic service within Australia, which of itself would merir a full tribute and about which more must be written. It must have been with some rewret that he and his family left their second adopted country and second, adopted, country and all the friends they had made there in 1965 He returned to the United Kingdom to Sheffield in 1966 ated in a former theatre, will provide Philips with much needed space for larger suctions to face a new situation, and at

Christmas appeal

A Christmas appeal, the proceeds of which will be distributed to firefighting teams of Servicemen and members of the Forces serving in Northern Ireland, was made vesterday by Lord George-Brown, Mr Grimond, MP, Sir lan Gilmour, MP, and Mr Winston Churchili, MP. Donations should be sent to Soldlers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA), 27 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9BZ, marked "Christmas Appeal".

Christian book award A biennial award of £1,000 to a book in English and published in the United Kingdom that has been inspired in some way by the Christian faith, by an author under 50, has been announced. It will be known as the Wimifred Mary Stanford Prize and the first award will be made at Easter. will be made at Easter.

Princess Margaret, as Chan-cellor, atends ball, Keele Uni-versity, 5.30.

versity, 5.30.

The Duke of Gloucester judges entries for Historic Britain Photography Competition, Department of Entrionment, Marsham Street, Westminster, 3; as Patron, St Mary-le-Strand Restoration Trust, attends Festival of Christmas Music and Carols, St Mary-le-Strand, 6.30.

Princess Alice Duchess of Clou-

chairman of its art and archaeology committee.

He was educated privately and at Heriford College, Oxford, and during 1917-18 served in the First World War. He was, however, throughout his life a man of poor health, and was twice invalided out of the Army.

He passed his Rar examinations. He passed his Rar examinations, and was on the editorial staff of Country Life from 1921 to 1926. He had before the end of that period become associated with Percy Macquoid in the editorship of The Dictionary of English Furniture 1924-27, and in 1926 was appointed to a position of the priod become associated with Percy Macquoid in the editorship of The Dictionary of English Furniture 1924-27, and have come as an unusual experience to some owners of periods.

the 10 most difficult years of their history—years of student unrest, of student change, as College of Physicians in Icxer. Well as of necessary interval of the Royal College of Physicians in Icxer. College and development—all at a time of rapid expansion involving doubling of student numbers after the Robbins Great Britain and Irelandin of Republication. a time of rapid expansion in-volving doubling of student numbers after the Robbins Report. Sheffield University was indeed fortunate to have Hugh Robson there as Vice-Chancellor and Principal in these critical times, but so were all the universities of the United Kingdom, for they inherited in Hugh Robson one who was high in their counsels and in positions of leadership throughout this period. Friends in Sheffield will pay tribute to the magnificent service there for eight years. burgh. But it is to the greater scene that we must pay the greatest tribute—to his work for the Commonwealth Universities as a whole and during the years 1971-74, when he was first Vice-Chaleman and then Chaleman of

lors and Principals. In his role as Chatrman of the Vice-Chan-cellors' Committee he had a firm grip of the essentials while inspiring the universities to meet the serious winds of meet the serious winds of change sometimes blowing from Government, sometimes from students, sometimes from acride-mic stelf and sometimes from the University of Adelaide, in the public.
At the University of Edin-

The twelve years of his stay at the University of Adelaide were to see the flowering of his career as a teacher and clinical practitioner of medicine, as well as service to the University as a whole, and public service within Australia. burch, to which he was proud to return in 1974 as Principal and Vice-Chancellor, there, will be the deepest sorrow that his the deepest sorrow that his Principalship, to which he came when the University was experi-encing troubled times, should Dow have been cut so short. Under his leadership, a period disturbed relationships had already given way to one in which the concept of community could again come to the fore and cooperation between all parts of the University had become the keywate in setting.

and cooperation between parts of the University had become the keypote in settling knighted in January 1974. Remarried Alice Livingstof MB, CLB, in 1942. She survit in him as do their two daught the ship of the Royal College of the Royal Co that time, an unknown one. No one then knew that the universities of this country were to face

Great Britain and Irelandin of was elected to the Fellowshed of the Royal Society of Ender burgh in 1975, and in the seriey year was admitted as Hon I at vania, and Hon LLD of Ender was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Arts and in the same year to Arts and in the same year to the Hon Fallowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinappointments. He was chairman of the Central Committee on

of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs from 1971-79. He served on the United Nations University Founding Committee. Since 1974 he ham

He was a member of Executive Committee of Inter-University Council Higher Education Oversess, Coverning Trustee of the Natical Provincial Hospitz Trust, and Chairman of f British Committee of Award the Harkness Fellowships (Comonwealth Fund). He vikinghted in January 1974.

MR RALPH EDWARDS

Woodwork, and subsequently adviser on works of art to the Mindstry of Works and the Historic Buildings Councils, died on December 13. He was 83.

Herbert Cecii Ralph Edwards was born on June 24, 1894, the son of Rev W. A Edwards, at one time vicar of Tredington, Shipston-on-Stour He was Welsh on both sides, his father being a member of a family prominent in the Church of Wales (Alfred George Edwards; the first Archinshop of Wales, was Ralph Edwards's great uncle), and his mother a daughter of an old family of Vale of Glamorgan gentefolk, the Pritchards of Pwil-y-Wrach.

Edwards was in his own way Before many years had passed he was acknowledged to possess an immensely wide and scholarly knowledge of English furniture, and his later writings on the subject include an important new edition of the dic-tionary for the revision of which be was salely responsible, in 1953 (a cite volume edition appeared in 1963); a short Hislished by the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1951; and Georgian Campet-Makers, 1944, written in collaboration with Margaret Jourdain, an invaluable reference book, of which a revised edition appeared in 1955. He was the author also

turned out, however, his retirement from the museum was perhaps fortunate for him for it enabled him to be announced to advise the Ministry of Works, and the Historic Buildings Councils for England and Wales, on the artistic and decorative contents of houses with which they were concerned.

This was a post for which Edwards was supremely fitted by his width of knowledge—though even here his astringent

Postgraduate Medical Education (Great Britain) from 1968-70. and of the Council for Post-graduate Medical Education in England and Wales from 1970 72; he was chairmen of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdood from 1972-74. He was chairman been chairman of the Scottis Health Services Planning Cou cill. He was recently appoints chairman of the Advisory Corg. mittee on Medical Training fig., the EEC.

Mr Raiph Edwards, CBE, tion in the Department of Wood-FSA, who was from 1937 to 1954 work at the Victoria and Albert work at the Victoria and Albert
Museum—and 11 years later
succeeded to the Keepership of
that Department.

Before many years had passed

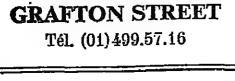
sessions. He was far more then
an expert on furniture, and the
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later years spent much of his of many margine articles and leisure in Monamourbshire, and gave long and valuable service to the National Museum of Wales, as a member of its court and council and especially as chairman of its art and archaeothery committee.

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Science report Entomology: Insecticides

of sexual organs in a test insect, Dysdereus, producing sterile adults.

The Indian group finds that the proposed which it proposes. R.

compound, which it names B-asarone, is effective when added to the final larval stage of Dysdercus, producing adult fe-

Indian scientists have added another compound to the list of natural plant products that produce sterility in insects and might be developed as insecticides harmless to man and other animal life.

Dr Bhaskar Saxena and his colleagues from the regional research leaboratory of the Indian scientific government research council at Jammu Tawi have isolated a compound from the "sweet flag", Acorus calomus, a waterside plant, that stops the normal development of sexual organs in a test insect, Dusdercus, producing sterile adults.

Judich the ovaries remain permanently immalture. When adult insects were also affected. The first natural insect chemisterilants were isolated from the common garden plant. Ageratum, and turned out specifically to inhibit the insect's juvenile hormone, essential for normal sexual development. Pasarone seems to uct in a different way. It remains to be seen whether the chemicals can be developed into the badly needed new insecticides. Source: Nature, 270: 572, Dec 8. Source: Nature, 270; 572, Dec 8, 1977.

Nature-Times News Service,

The three main political parties have their share of chairmanships of regional administrations. They also share the difficulties imposed by regional differences.

The Caristian Democrats have all the

southern regions. In several of them they

Sardinia, which is one of the nor Pietro Societ, seno began his career in local govern-ment when in 27 he was elected major of his native town of Benefatti. He went on to join the Sassari provincief council and was elected for the first time to the regional council in 1961. He has at various times been in charge of the island's de-velopment plan, industry, finance and health.

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The gentleman of Verona

In the Veneto—to take a region diametrically opposed in geographical terms and in outlook to Calabria the Christian Democrats have an absolute majority and problems which are real enough but without the desperate touch the south provides. The head of the regional

The head of the regional administration, Signor Angelo Tomelleri, comes from Verona where he was born 53 years ago. He began his career in local government as a municipal councillor of Verona and was elected a member of the provincial council in 1960. He took over responsibility for public works and moved to the chairmanship in February, 1965. He was elected for the regional countil in 1970 and was elected for the first time its chairmans his in August. He is now in his in third term of office.

He is against the idea of the region's drawn up as a solid block against the central authorities. He prefers that this region with a studying collaboration with areas in the eastern Alps, with regions having the make a contribution of its own. Where collaboration is required, he tries to seek it with regions having the most an common with the Signor Tomelleri believes Veneto.

Veneto. that the city, which is an The original supborla well known to international over regionalism has now public opinion, well have to given way to an attempt to be saved by contributions face problems that are pri-from all, but in particular marily economic. "We are from the people of the at the moment coachecing a region and from the Venebattle to ascape from the tians, to give it a function, grip of indebtedness and a role, a new life.



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Calabria's 'desperate' troubles

are now worse

capital was the spark which accident. He understandably set off the revolt in 1970 of own party is unpredictable. set off the revolt in 1970 of Reggio Calabria, the region's biggest city. The tiam Democrat points out, Government attempted to "is seismic territory and placate the rebels. An our politics are as unstable arrangement was made by as the terrain." The standwhich the regional offices of the state, as high officiels confirm, "is zero", and so far the region has meeting of the region and failed to stimulate public council take place in Reggio confidence in political insticouncil take place in Reggio confidence in political Calabria. It is two hours' putions.

are now working in formal agreement with the Communists. But the responsibility is theirs, and it can be heavy.

Sardinia makes special case

The endemic troubles of no the new regional council be head presided over the ago looked desperate, are now widely felt to be still joined with responsibility for town planning. He suctions start. The nomination chalmanship after his president and the regional decessor was killed in a care of Carinzaro as regional decessor was killed in a care of Carinzaro as regional decessor was killed in a care of Carinzaro as regional decessor was killed in a care of Carinzaro as regional decessor was killed in a care of Carinzaro as regional decessor was killed in a care of Carinzaro as regional decessor was killed in a care of Carinzaro as regional decessor was killed in a care of Carinzaro.



drive between the two, a The regional commission waste of many people's time set up two years ago to aid additionally incon study crime—meaning the Mafia, though this was not specified—has just held its first substantive offices near them for two meeting. The economic reference and information promises made seven years. The chairman of the Cale brian regional executive is Signor Aido Ferrara, a law yer elected at Caussara. Before his election in 1970 has already begun.

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A radical in Ravenna

gional adorinistration

regional aday nistration is led by Signor Sergio Cavina, whose career has been largely that of a party administrator. Aged 48 and born in Ravenna, he was already a member of the party in January, 1945. He was serretary of the Communist Youth Federation in Ravenna and went on to become na and went on to become secretary of the party federation in Ravenna from 1959 to 1965.

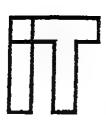
After four years as a municipal councilior, he was elected to the regional council in 1970. He is a member of the party's central committee and from 1965 has been regional secretary. His problems include maintaining the Convnunits Party's policy of showing themselves to be efficient ing the Convnunist Party's policy of showing them selves to be efficient administrators. In this he has a big advantage over his he colleagues in the regions more recently gained by the Communists or where they have a large share in



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1977. Bearing in mind the wide scope of the decree, the mass of functions, staff, assets and finances transferred to the regions and the consequent diversity and mass of interests that the decree affects, it is easy to understand the strong reaction that was caused in all circles, and at all levels.

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by Giovanni Nervo

tice; the second concerns the substance of the law itself.

After the tormented era of the Fascist dictatorship Italy gave itself a new constitution in 1946-47 which introduced a deep institutional change, setting up the regions; this bad been one of the aims of the Catholic political movement from the outset. The Constituent Assembly had given Parliament a two-year time limit for the job.

In resulty, the five regions were set up very quickly; the other 15 were only set up 23 years later, in 1970. But not all of the Government's powers were immediately decentralized to the regions; it was only with the now famous law no 382 of July 22, 1975, that Parliament to issue a decree having the force of law to commune to issue a decree having the force of law to commune to issue a decree having the force of law to commune to issue a decree having the force of law to commune to issue a decree having the force of law to commune to issue a decree having the force of law to commune to issue a decree having the force of law to commune to issue a decree having the force of law to commune the law itself.

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RAI rules the national waves and fights back locally

by David Willey

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Tourism struggles in straitjacket

by Mary Venturini

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has a population approach-ing nine million while Molisa has about 300,000. Wealth is unevenly distributed. If the national average income of each inhabitant is 100, the figure for Calabria is less than 52 while in Liguria it is 137. But the aim nevertheless is to rediscover Italy's traditional heritage of self-government where it still exists and to foster it where it is a reason of the local it is not a part of the local

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disposal of regional Not only was there a long frequently shown at the centre to give a generous reading of the constitutional ingly perhaps, the regions themselves have behaved as

The law finally defining regional powers which came into force last July found a pared to take on the new responsibilities facing them especially in health and wel-fare. And it immediately ran into the criticisms of the ecclesiastical hierarchy which saw it as an unwarrante tional role of Catholic charities and other bodies connec ted with the Church which in the past filled many gaps left by the ineffectual state. Nevertheless, the adven

ture has begun and in a the claims of local feeling re greater means of expression whether it be Provence or Brittany, Scotland or the Walloons or the Basques, deserves to be watched wit

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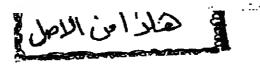


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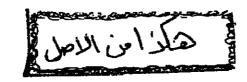


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SHOULD THE DOLLAR SINK?

televis nor be easily resolved. It is the result of a genuine disagreement between the leaders of the hat industrialized world on the best way to solve the world's economic mic problems of continuing slow growth, high unemployment and yet persistent inflation.

The different view taken on the BEC the dollar's decline is a reflecin the past 10 days that the American Government's policy of "benign neglect" is a deliberate one. As the dollar has to record low, the pressure for halt the decline has mounted. Those countries whose own currencies have been subject to most ingward pressure chiefly the Germans and Swiss in Europe have become more vocating their opposition to the dollars fail. Riss at the secret

meeting of finance ministers in Paris. 10 days ago and then again in Basie this week the Americans have been urged to throw their weight behind the European effort to stabilize the foreign exchange markets. They have politely declined. There are good reasons why they should do so. The weakness of the dollar this year stems from the massive and widening trade deficit which America is running with the rest of the

for foreigners whose own domesic growth has been insufficient n provide jobs for all.

world. This has been a major

source of expansion for other

countries, notwithstanding the large oil element in the deficit.

America has provided a market

The present turmoil on the protectionist lobby is putting trading partners. They do not world's currency markets will, pressure on the Administration want to do that until they have to stop the incursion into the gained the maximum concessions domestic market of foreign imports. The government others in Europe, the Germans believes that the way to solve and the Swiss are far more this is for the surplus countries worried about the sinking dollar Germany and Japan in particular-to boost their domestic growth. This would encourage imports from America and divert some of the present export effort in these countries away from the

United States market. However, American exhortations to this effect in successive international meetings have been unheeded and so the trade gap has yawned wider. The resulting fedl in the dollar is proving a far more effective weapon than mere words.

The governments of Germany. and Japan are frightened by the damaging effects that the sharp, rise in their currencies could have on their domestic economies. The Americans' hope is that this will force them into expansion. It is of little use to complain, as the Germans have, that American policy towards the dollar is jeopardizing economic growth elsewhere. That growth must be the responsibility of other governments, say the Americans. They can no longer carry the whole burden of pulling the world out of slump.

The present delicate stage in the trade negotiations with the Japanese means that the Carter Administration is particularly unwilling to contemplate largescale support for the dollar at this stage. Central bankers are anyway intervening massively on the exchanges, if the Americans joined in possibly by activating their \$20,000m or so of swop lines, this would be tantamount But there is unemployment in to underwriting the favourable the United States too. A growing payments positions of their

on trade from the Japanese and German competitiveness is deteriorating rapidly while a rising mark is actually helping British exporters more than they are hurt by the weaker dollar.

The Americans are playing a strong hand. Exchange rate changes have a minimal effect on their economy as trade is only a small proportion of gnp. The damaging effects on inflation are further curtailed by the pricing of their major imports—oil—in depreciating dollars. Therein lies the rub. One major risk in the present United States policy is its potential effect on the oil price. It is unlikely to affect the price decision which will come out of the present Oner tells. out of the present Opec talks, but is almost certain to under-mine the moderates in the future. Pricing may well be switched to a basket of currencies. The other risk is that the oil funds which now flow into the United States, covering the current deficit, will begin to go elsewhere. The disruption this would cause to the international financial system would dwarf the present upheavels.

While the American Government continues to judge the balance of risks to be in favour of "benign neglect" there is lictle that the rest of the industrialized world can do to change their minds. Their best policy is probably to bow to the inevit-able and boost their own growth as fer as they can, while hoping that the usually generous Americans will help them once they have made their intentions

NO CASE FOR UNIONS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Mr Mulley as Defence Secre- the number of those who take dent review body-which then 'ary recently said that he had no objection to members of the armed forces seeking trade union representation. What exactly he had in mind remains unclear. However, his remarks have reawakened the interest of a number of unions who can see nutual advantage in recruiting from the ranks—and one or two lave put out exploratory feelers. Vith the Defence Secretary himelf giving his apparent blessing nd with members of the forces nhappy over their pay and con-litions, the ground could hardy appropriate to examine both the unions. But this would be diffipossibilities and the conse- cult if only because they repre-

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nuences. Mr Mulley's statement was unbiguous because servicemen are already allowed to join rade unions and are, in theory, encouraged to do so. This is because union membership.
might make it sasier for them to find jobs on their return to civilian life. It also enables handsmen, who join the lusicians' Union, to accept outide engagements during their pare time. They are not allowed however to negotiate through heir unions over pay, still less o strike or otherwise interfere with the normal procedures of service life. The advantages are the Department of Health making therefore not obvious, and while representations to an indepen-

up the option is not known, it is not thought to be very large.
The inference must be that Mr Mulley was referring to the far wider issue, that indeed he has no objection to members of the forces joining a union and having that union represent them in negotiations over pay and conditions. This would still not necessarily endow them with the right to strike. But it would enable the men to have their case for improvement put before the Government with some force."

One solution would be for servicemen to join existing sent a wide spectrum of crafts and skills. The alternative would be to form a new union or professional association, which would look after service interests specifically. The Police Federation is the model which obviously springs, to mind. This would not necessarily negotiate over pay and conditions directly with the Government, but could make representations to the independent Armed Forces Pay Review Body-which already exists. One might envisage the sort, of machinery which is used to determine doctors' pay with the British Medical Association and

reports to the Prime Minister. (Though it is worth remarking that many doctors are not very happy with that system either.)

But it is hard to see how such an organization could exist with-out in time changing fundamentally the non-political character and the code of disciplinary behaviour of the armed forces. Their loyalty could only be impaired by being divided. True, the Dutch and West German armies have their unions, but they are different armies from our own and they would arguably be more efficient withservices want union representation? There is no serious evidence that they do. Certainly they now feel under-represented and forgotten, as the civilian unions flex their industrial muscle to win more pay and better conditions. But this dissatisfaction, however deeply felt, has not so far been crystallized into a general call for union representation. It remains within the power of the Government to remove the cause of this dis-content by showing more sympathy and more flexibility than it has so far. More sensitive handling of the present machinery would remove the need for finding a substituteand would in the end be a preferable alternative.

NO SALADINS FOR EL SALVADOR

There are no absolute principles equally brutal is disproved by governing the sale of arms where the buyer is not an ally nor deemed to be a friendly power. In such cases commercial benefit will be foremost but must be weighed against strategic or political and moral restraints. Sometimes the strategic interest which tells against arms sales is indirect but no less significant. Frequently in cases of political objection the government is undemocratic, given to severe repression and torture and may even want the goods to further

Why, then, is Britain selling. surplus armoured vehicles to El Salvador? For years past this Government has been as nasty as the worst in Latin America, brutally repressive, given to the murder of opponents and to forture of those detained. That this behaviour is confined to irreconcilable extremists of left extreme left. As if allowing that his government meets civilized and right whose methods are

the number of Roman Catholic priests among those held as subversives. What can three Ferrets and twelve Saladins no longer

needed in Ulster be wanted for? In Parliament last week Lord Goronwy-Roberts tried to allay questioners' anxiety. He admitted Salvador's declared support for Guatemala's claim against British Honduras but said that the British Government had required and been given an assurance that there was no possibility of these vehicles being used against British troops in Belize. Lord Goronwy-Roberts claimed that the new government of President Romero has been showing signs of following a different policy and it would be discouraging to his efforts to cancel the sale. President Romero faced grave danger from terrorists on the extreme right as well as the

I deliberately omitted to ask about more contentious items such as

tranquillizers and sleeping tablets.

While I appreciate many virtues in our concept of a National Health

Service I am quite unable to defend

a system which allows people to

die because of lack of money for dialysis machines when, at the same

time, vast amounts are spent on

medicines that the majority of the

population could well afford to buy.

Any health service must surely get

December 9) I was cut to the quick by your diarist's suggestion that I

find any difficulty in climbing 11

its priorities right.

Yours sincerely,

vincing it was added that the deal was very small-a mere

£850,000. It might be asked why Britain is not following President Carter's example, who suspended military aid to El Salvador last If any country has a strategic interest in central America it is the United States. in any case President Romero's progressive and pacific intentions seem already to have petered out since he took office. Most reports from El Salvador agree that in the past three months repression has been as brutal as ever. There are no signs of the tension in the country getting any less. There must be more worthy customers for these second-hand vehicles. An all-party motion now seeks to have the deal cancelled. At least delivery should be deferred until President Romero has shown that

this defence was not wholly con- standards. been doing this once or twice a day for five weeks. My time three, three and a half to four minutes. If your diarist would like to take me on. I'll race him up any day of the

> DONALDSON. House of Lords. December 9.

In Regent's Park From Mr Nicholas Treadwell

From Mr Nicholas Treadwell
Sir. I am another of those who
walk in Regent's Park daily, but,
unlike Mr Brown (Letters, December 6), I am delighted with the
"imposition" of Nicholas Monro's
marvellous larger than life sculpture of Morecambe and Wise. As
well as demonstrating the vitality
of Bridsh sculpture in the seventies,
it suggests that although life has
its depressing elements today, we
Londoners are managing to keep our
sense of humour. sense of humour. Yours sincerely, NICHOLAS TREADWELL, 36 Chiltern Street: Wi.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

inquiry

From Sir Claude Hayes Sir, Nearly nine days ago Sir Harold Wilson caused wonder by saying that in 1972 Mrs Hart came to him with "horrifying" documentation on subterreneous matters in connexion with the Crown Agents, and

that she ran into the most formid-able system of fornification, a clos-ing of the ranks, a cover up. No doubt this will be the subject

of careful investigation by the new tribunel of inquiry. But that may not be for months. Meanwhile it might be shought that the manage-ment of the Crown Agents at the time were a party to such a cover up; and these thoughts fester, where there are no antibodies.

where there are no antibodies.

I therefore owe it to the staff of the Crown Agents to say now that nothing was ever brought to my notice, officially or confidentially, that can be connected in any way with what Sir Harold Wilson now relates.

Yours feithfully,

C. J. HAYES,

Prinkham.

Chiddingstone Hoath,

Edenbridge,

Kent.

Keut. December 12.

Fixing farm prices From Mr R. C. Leventhorpe

Sir, The Ministry of Agriculture has Sir, The Ministry of Agriculture has just announced the price that milk producers will receive for the first three months of 1978. The actual sum is still far from clear but appears to be between 49 and 50 pence per gallon (like some Yorkshire rebels and the majority of ordinary people I still think and work in imperial measurement).

Last May Mr Silkin gave as near a promise as politicians ever do that the price from January to March would be 52 pence a gallon. The Milk Marketing Board, in its innocence, thereon fixed a price for the control of the second of the form innocence, thereon taxed a price for the year to take account of this and of the "award"—already delayed for two months for 1977/78, an award that covered only helf the increased costs in the previous year and took no account of the current year's inflation of about 15 per cent. Now the MME are forced to cut back the price paid to producers for the next four months by two pence per gallon at the height of the expensive winter milk period so that producers will receive no more than the independent actives of less than the independent actives the independent actives the independent active to the less than the independent active to the independent act that producers will receive no more than the inadequate returns of last winter. I will cite just two examples of increased costs. A well deserved agricultural wages award of 13 per cent, giving a minimum wage of £44 and opposed by the Minister, which will add one penny per gallon to costs immediately, and a 10 to 16 per cent increase in fertilizer costs, allowed under price code rules and partly due to the cajolement of ICI to renegotiate its North See gas contract, adding over North See gas contract, adding over the year approximately another half

my. Our case is never submitted Agriculture remains, and will probably always remain, our largest industry, but could any other industry compete with Europe against a 30 per cent discount on its receipts imposed by the green pound? More and more farmers will be driven to the pall of farmers large surper. the wall, pig farmers last summer, beef producers currently, and milk producers next summer, while foreign buyers map up our land, confident that the Olympian indifference of our Minister of Pood (surely not of agriculture) cannot endure indefinitely. Yours faithfully.

R. C. LEVENTHORPE, Risdon Farm, Inwardleigh, Okehampton,

Attack on National Front From Mr Peter Bazalgette

Sir, The Labour Party's political broadcast last week may have been misdirected — members of the National Front no doubt welcomed its hysteria as a free panegyric, while their potential members (at whom the programme was aimed) are too young to be unduly shamed by fossilized clips of Hitler and Mussolini. But it is nevertheless laudable that the Labour Parry has now devoted two political broadcasts to the National Front and its distasteful, derisively simplistic policies.

policies. While Conservative MPs mouth their own condemnations one feels they can hardly conceal their glee at where the Front's support mainly comes from. Those who say it is better nor to mention the National Front at all would do well to consider that it will be fielding over 300 candidates at the next general election—a little late to start the

An effective campaign is needed. I suggest, Sir, that it should be started by all the parties represented in Parliament making a joint party political broadcast soberly attacking the National Front Is this ng the National Front. Is this likely to happen? Judging by the way they normally conduct their business, no. But by the same token, what an effect it would have if they did. And with reference to your leader (December 9)—let the National Front try to reply, by all

argument then.

Yours faithfully, PETER BAZALGETTE, United Oxford and Cambridge University Club. 71 Pall Mall, S.W.1. December 12.

European Elections

It was said in a leading article in The Times yesterday that Britain would have to fall into line when the European Parliament decides on uniform system for European a uniform system for European elections. That is not so. Article 138 (3) of the Treaty of Rome states: "The Assembly soall draw up proposals for elections by direct universal suffrage in accordance with a uniform procedure in all member states. The Council [of Ministers] shall, acting manimously lay down the appropriate provisions, which it shall recommend to member states mend to member states for adoption in accordance with the respective constitutional require-

The Crown Agents Role of water in a Middle East peace

From Mr Edmund de Rothschild Sir, Water is precious in the Middle East. It can help to lay the dust of war and to smooth the path to

Shortly after the Six Day Wer you published a letter from me on June 28, 1967, in which some ideas were put forward for the construc-tion of desching planes which could contribute to the economic and social welfare of all the peoples of the Middle East. These ideas attracted some interest, not only here but also in the United States, Israel and some Arab countries. They were discussed with repre-

entative people from many lands. Unluckary, political obstacles have so far prevented any progress; But the latest developments suggest that the time may have come to draw attention to these ideas again, Even if economic actions alone cannot bring peace nearer, the new political climate may make it easier to take active steps in welfare and social fields. This could move towards solv-ing some of the pressing human problems which are distressing and

problems which are distressing and disturbing to so many of us.

Specifically, consideration might now usefully be given to three projects. A desalting plant in one of the more fertile parts of the Sinat peninsula, perhaps using the new technological breakthrough attributed to Professor Kogan of the the Issael Jacsieux of Tanhaday. the Israel Institute of Technology,

could well contribute to the prosperity of that region. The cost is still comparable with what would have been possible 10 years ago. Secondly, a canal from the Medi-terranean down to the Qattara depression, supplemented by water from the underground aquifer of the area, could be combined with a dual purpose desalting and power plant to fertilize many acres of Egyptian land for agriculture.

Thirdly, there could be a new look at the Lowdermilk plan of a similar scheme in the Jordan Valley. Sea water from the Mediterranean would be pumped over the height of land to the Dead Sea, used to produce electricity and, after desalting used for irrigation in the Ghor Valley

There may well be other places in the Middle East where similar ideas could be applied to advantage.

None of these projects would be cheap in money terms. But set

30 years, they will surely repay energetic pursuit which would need to be transnationally, or even internationally, organized. We have seen some imaginative moves in the last month. May not

magination now range wider still? EDMUND DE ROTHSCHILD. New Court, St Swithin's Lane, EC4.

Documentary on S Africa From Lord Windlesham

Sir, Sir Hugh Greene's letter pub-lished in your correspondence columns on December 10 is a reminder of the pressures on broadcasters that are exerted from time to time by government. But there can also be pressures from other sources, commercial or otherwise, of which a recent example has been the campaign waged by Tate and Lyle against a documentary programme written and produced for ATV by Antony Thomas. This is the third programme in the series The South African Experience, subtitled "Working for Britain". The programme is due to be shown on inted working for british. The programme is due to be shown on independent Television on Wednesday, December 14 at 9 pm (and is, I understand, to be the subject of advertisements that day, in the national press placed by Tate and Table).

Lyle). What lies behind this overs pressure is the Tate and Lyle have made clear they believe the commercial interests of their company mercial interests of their company
may be harmed by the programme.
They have asked, indeed demanded
would not be no strong a word, that
all reference to their business in
South Africa should be deleted from
the programme. It would not be
right to accede to this request.
Tate and Lyle have also
questioned the methods used by
Animy Thomas to film straments.

Antony Thomas to film statements by Africans working on a sugar estate in Natal which was part-owned by their company at the time, although it has subsequently been sold. Mr John Lyle has been quoted as describing the statements as "fakes and distortions". After making detailed enquiries into these allegations, and seeing the whole of the material filmed on location, ATV agreed with the producer to omit three statements from the completed film. This was not because we concluded they were faked, but simply because the individuals concerned had not been in the presence of Antony Thomas throughout the filming. It seemed stronger therefore to rely solely upon the statements of those who were. Mr. Thomas, an experienced and reputable producer, was the only person involved in the controversy who was

On Wednesday the programme will be shown on ITV and the public will be able to reach its own conclusion. Yours faithfully,

ATV House, 17 Great Cumberland Place, W1.

Restoring Stanmore Hall From Mr Arthur Grogen

Sir, The most important series of tapestries ever to have been designed and woven in England is shorrly to be auctioned. They illustrate the legend of the "Quest for the Holy Grail" and were designed by Edward Burne Jones and made at William Morris's workshops at Merton Abbey in the 1890s.

Clearly they abould pass into a public collection, but where? The obvious place, surely, is Sraumore obvious place, surely, is sraumore Hall on the northern outskirts of London, the house for which they were created Morris carried out here the big-est domestic scheme of decoration he was ever commissioned to do and like meny much admired, similar schemes by Robert Adam it was inserted into an evicting building of lesser interest. The coordinating architect was Lethaby and the work has survived to a remarkable extent, which is unmatched elsewhere. What is more the house has lain empty for a number of years and is now on the

Of course it would cost money to buy and restore it, but there is a current search for houses with associated contents which, ranking

date of outstanding worth already owns excellent furniture by Morris's firm and one of his finest carpets which cannot be shown for lack of space. The original appearance of the rooms at Stanmore is fully recorded in photographs and could easily be rectored.

greater success and many of visitors would be from abroad. Yours faithfully. ARTHUR GROGAN

informed. When nouns referring to

people have both masculine and

feminine forms in these languages

(président, présidente, to use one of Brogan's examples), the masculine

and the generic, or standard human.

forms are the same: the feminine is

the deviation, the exception. In the

case of presidente the term can even

be-understood to refer to the (male)

president's wife.
On this side of the Atlantic we

tend to have great respect for The Times. One cannot help wondering.

however, why its editors would print

opinions on language from a corres-

position who is so misinformed as to write "Gender, in French and in

orher romance languages . .

December 7.

Sexist language

Kate Swift

disputes our thesis that sexist language contributes to downgrad-ing women, and he labels this thesis parochialism". As evidence of parochialism he quotes a paragraph from Words and Women in which we list several English words ending Prance in the years following the Norman invasion. "Evidently the authors cannot speak French". Brogan comments. "The French for, less is Lionne and for sorceress, Soccière."

The assumption that twentiethcentury French was spoken in the eleventh and twelfth centuries is both parochial and naïve. Evidently Brogan is not familiar with Old French, in which the words were indeed Hongers and covergers as he indeed lionesse and sorceresse as he would have learned had he bothered to check our footnote. (See entry at ess in Dictionary.)

Brogan's contention that sexist language is impossible in French, German, and Spanish is equally-illpresent when the disputed filming took place. Each of the people appearing in the edited sequence of the film was selected by him per-sonally, immediately prior to film-ing, and he put the questions himself. He categorically denies that any interviews were rigged or deliberately falsified.

deliberately falsified.

An independent authority at the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University who has conducted ethnographic and linguistic research among the Zulu has expressed the opinion that the statements were entirely sponganeous and natural. He disagrees with any suggestion that the answers had been scripted rehemand or in had been scripted, rehearsed or in any other way prepared in advance. An invitation has been extended to a representative of Tate and Lyle to take part in the fourth programme in the series in order that the company might have an opportunity to reply. This proposal, I might add, was made somewaks ago and well before the distance was pare less week's I about Party.

pute over last week's Labour Party political broadcast attacking the National Front. So far the offer has National Front. So far the offer has not been taken up.

My final observation concerns the appropriateness of a company of Tate and Lyle's standing and influence causing affidavits to be taken under oath from African workers. None of the Africans who appear in this part of the programme are English speaking, although the affidavits are set out in English, and some are staned with a mark or

some are signed with a mark or finger print. Some individuals were also photographed in connexion with sworn statements which were sought by someone whom they could only have regarded as their employer or an agent acting on his behalf. It is for others to judge the validity of evidence obtained in this way and subsequently used for the purposes of a public relations campaign by a major firm in

WINDLESHAM,

more highly than Mentmore, can be accepted as worthy of preservation at a national level. Here is a candi could become an out-station of the Victoria and Albert Museum (like Ham and Osterlay). The Museum

fully recorded in phonon could easily be restored.

That William Morris and what he stood for are now of interest to be stood for are now of people is he stood for are now of interest to a very wide range of people is proyed by the crowds that visit his newn houses at Bexley Heath and Kelmscott. Even, the house, from which I write, by Morris's architect. Philip Webb, with no direct contribution from the great man tomself, has in its first year of opening by the National Trust attracted double the number of visitors expected.

Stammore Hall could be a much greater success and many of its

The National Trust, Standen East Grinstead. West Sussex.

From Miss Casey Miller and Miss

Sir, In commenting on our book Words and Women (The Times. November 24, "Feminists at a loss for French words"). Patrick Brogan a further illustration of American ess that were imported from

immutable. Linguists know that gender, like every other aspect of any living language is subject to change. On gender matability in his favourite tonque. French, Brogan might consult the renowned linguistic authority Otto Jespersen, who discussed the subject in his book The Philosophy of Grammer, London, George Allen and Unwin Ltd. 1951, Chapter 18, "Sex and Gender". Sincerely. the Oxford English CASEY MILIER KATE SWIFT,

Box 94 East Haddam. Connecticut 06423. December 9.

Walsalı North (Conservative)

House

From Mr Robin Hodgson, MP for

Absenteeism in the

Sir. The superficiality of your leader on Friday, "Absenteeism in the House" tempts one to draw the conclusion that you were so pleased with your Gallery Reporter's piece of "clever" reporting, in Thurs-day's paper, that you had to find some way of repeating it.

The question you should have posed and which, not unnaturally, you avoided, since the answer was unfavourable to your case, was whether any of the debates came to a premature end. If such collapses had occurred it would have given at least prima facie evidence of a lack of interest. In the event no such cellapses have taken place and it is nard to see how the presence of one, two, three or even four hundred further Members of Parliament, over ninety per cent of whom could have no hope of making any could have no hope of making any contribution because of the action of the guillotine, could lead to any increase in "the appropriate rigour" of scrutiny of the Scotland, Bill which you demand.

Instead many Members, including myself, believe that we are better engaged in examining other pieces of government legislation, considering and convessions.

ing and representing our consti-ruency interests etc., rather than sitting mute on the benches of the Chamber of the House of Commons. Few people would deny that change, even radical change, is required at Westminster. However, the cause of reform would be better served if you turned your mind to really critical issues, such as the need to remove the separation of the executive from the legislative and so reassert the traditional check and halance of our constitution. No similarly useful result can come from the trivial scorekeeping that your wader last Friday represents.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN HODGSON. House of Commons December 12.

Christmas on ITV

From Mr Charles G. Looker Sir. Under the heading "ITV defend Christmas film repeats" in today's The Times (December 9) the follow-ing passage must be the quotation

of the year 1977. "Mr Paul Fox (Yorkshire) pointed out that as Christmas Day falls on a Sunday for the first time for several years 'we had to have a bit of religion in the evening'."

Yours faithfully, CHAPLES C. LOOKER

CHARLES G. LOOKER, 46 Lavender Vale, Wallington, Surrey.

Dissenting library From Mr John Creases

Sir, It is good to learn (December 6) that the Methodist archives are transferred Rylands University Library of Manchester and that one may presum-ably direct research students and others to them in their new home.
Lest, however, it be thought that all who study English Nonconformity and Dissent must now, like the Methodist archives, travel to Manchester may I put in a word for Dr Williams's Library, a venerable dissenting institution which will celebrate in 1979 two hundred and fifty ware of Hisothers to them in their new bome.

The collections here constitute what is probably the prime source for the history of English Presby-terianism and the Unitarianism into which it largely developed. Much " material may also be found here on the Independent/Congregational tradition. This last has been greatly augmented by the donation of around 12,000 items from the library. New College, London, on the closure of that institution earlier this year, including all surviving books from the libraries of the several dissenting academies and their predecessors which conlesced in New College in 1850.

Together with printed books are rtensive manuscript collections in the above named traditions and these include the entire New Col-lege, London, collection. ours faithfully JOHN CREASEY.

Librarian, 'Dr Williams's Library, 14 Gordon Square WC1. December 9.

King Canute From Mr James Clark

Sir, May one out a plea for King Canute's good name? It is now normal for television speakers and politicians to use King Canute as the example of a foolish man who tried to order the tide to stop Sir, that this is the exact opposite of the famous episode in which the sagacious monarch shamed his flattering entourage.

These courtiers have, of course, had their revenge, since his name is now used proverbially with the opposite meuning. But it is going a too far when the beadline to your Religious Affairs Correspondent's article today (December 12) employs the words "King Canute's faith" in the wrong, and derisive, sense. Your correspondent should be asked to go back to his history books. Yours faithfully,

IAMES CLARK Trewin Complessone Publishing Ltd. Advance House, 101-109 Ladbroke Grove, W11. December 12,

The courteous gull

From Mr James Dawson Sir, For some years I have noticed that a gull using a flag pole as a vantage point invariably makes way for another gull wishing to alight on the post and this irrespectively of the size of the two birds.

Can any reader explain the cour .* tesy of the incumbent in making \$ way for a newcomer, please? JAMES DAWSON.

Advertising and Marketing Ltd, 85 Gloucester Place, W1.

such ends.

NHS spending

From Mr R. D. Wilkins

TAL "

Vitamins (excluding iron) £2.8

Tonics £497,000.

All these figures relate to 1975. flights of stairs to my office. I have December 7.

Sir, There have been disturbing re-

ports in the press recently about the inadequate facilities made available in this country in order to provide sufficient dialysis macaines for those people who have chronic, life-threatening kidney disease. Due to lack of money such machines are scarce and many patients, especially children and the middle aged, have little hope of treatment, and yet it has been estimated that only £30m is needed to provide such a machine

R. D. WII KINS, . . to every patient who needs one. River House, recently received a circular from Leigh Place, the Department of Health and Social security which told doctors that the bill to the government for provid-Surrey. December 3. ing appetite suppressants on pre-scription in 1975 was £34m. Prompted by this information I contacted the DHSS to find out the cost of Ther inessential medicines. Heavy breathing ligures were as follows: From Lord Donaldson Sir, Like Sir Frank Cooper (letter Cough suppressants £11 million.

Energy is the theme linking four stamps to

be issued by the Post Office on January 25 as

part of a continuing series on British industrial

Yesterday the manuscript of her

Sotheby's also sold Chinese and Amamese ceramics, bronzes and works of art, and antiquities and tribal art. In the former sale an early Ming blue-and-white dice bowl decorated with dragons went

£700).

activity. The designer is Mr Peter Murdoch.

Mr. F. S. Law
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Mr. S. Baker, Mp. Mr. H. Blandford,
Mr. R. Baker, Mp. Mr. H. Blandford,
Mr. R. R. W. Bullots, Lord Carrof
Mr. J. S. W. Bullots, Lord Carrof
Mr. J. S. Gordon, Mr. G. Mr. Norman
Fowler, Mp. the Hon Roser Frankland,
Mr. J. G. Gordon, Mr. G. M. Hallowes,
Mr. R. B. Hart, Mr. S. E. A. Kimmins,
Mr. P. C. Law, Sir Robert Maclean,
Mr. F. M. Russell, Mr. R. O. C. Swayne,
Mr. M. R. M. C. Thorogood, General A.
Thoulouze
And Admiral Sir John
Treacher.

Royal Society of St George
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress, accompanied by the
Sheriffs and their ladies, artended
a Christmas diamer given by the
Royal Society of St George (City
of London Branch) at the Mansion House yesterday evening, Mr
Charles Coward, chairman of the
council, presided, and the other
speakers were Lord Denning,
Master of the Ross, Vice-Admiral
Sir Richard Smeeton and Mr
Bernard L. Morgan.
Charterhouse Founder's Day

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The Archbishop of Canterbury was
the preacher at the Charterhouse
Founder's Day service held yesterday at Charterhouse. Afterwards
a dinner was held at which the
speakers were the Master of
Charterhouse, the Headmoster of
Charterhouse, Sir Henry Mance
and the Hon R. B. I. Pearce, QC.

Association of Lancastrians in

The annual carol service of the

The annual carol service of the Association of Lancastrians in London was held in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy last night. Sir Desmond Heap, past president, read a lesson and Canon Edwyt Young, chaplain to the association, officiated. Afterwards Sir Desmond Heap received the guests at a dinner at the Waldorf Hotel.

London
Lord Clark, OM, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Women's Advertising Club of London at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mrs Kathryn Michael, president of the club, was in the

McKenus Dinner
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The McKenus dinner marking the
graduation of students from the
Empiro Test Pilots' School was
held at the RAF Officers' Mess,
Boscombe Down, last night.
Marshal of the RAF Sir Neil
Cameron, Chief of the Defence
Staff, was the guest of bonour.
Group Captain M. K. Adams
presided.

Other appointments
Canon F. Bamber, lately Vicer of
Mellor, diocese of Blackburn, to be
canon emerius.
The Rev P. S. Gowen, Chapisin of
Nicosia and Larmaca, diocese of Copcus
and The Gull, to be Vicer of St.
Paul's. Harringay, diocese of London,
The Rev Chansdole, Vicer of
St. Rev Chansdole, Vicer of
the Rev Chansdole, Vicer of
the Cattor
and Downham Team Ministry, same
diocese.

Service dinner

Other appointments

Dinners



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 13: The Right Hon
James Callaghan, MP (Prime
Minister and First Lord of the
Treasury), had an audience of The
Queen this evening.
The Prince of Wales, Patron,
this morning at Buckingham Palace
received members of the Operation
Device Expedition.

this morning at Buttingham Palace received members of the Operation Drake Expedition.

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Gordon Highlanders, received Lieutenant-General Sir George Gordon Lennox, Colonel of the Regiment.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a dinner at the Eccentric Club in aid of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal and the Artists' Benevolent Fund.

His Royal Highness left Euston in the Royal Train to visit Greater Manchester in aid of The Queen, the Baroness Stedman (Baroness In Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the departure of The President of the French Republic and bade farewell to His Excelency on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE

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December 13: Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded the Lady Jean Ran-kin as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. KENSINGTON PALACE

December 13: The Princess
Margaret, Countess of Snowdon,
as President of the Invalid
Children's Aid Association, today
attended the Variety Club of Great
Britain's Christmas Luncheon at the Savoy Hotel. The Hon Mrs Wills was in

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 13: The Duke of Gloucester attended a Reception given
by The Scientific Exploration
Society to launch Operation Drake
at the Attenaeum Hotel, Piccaat the Athenaeum and dilly, this afternoon.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE Pocember 13: The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders' Annual Banquet which vas held at Grosvenor Rouse.

Liondon.
Lieutenauri-Commander Richard
Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Str York Beverley, 82; Str Thomas Bromley, 66; Lord Erskine of Retrick, 84; Lord Erakine of Retrick, 84; General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick, 65; Major-General F. C. C. Graham, 69; Sir Cyril Harrison, 76; Judge Sir Ian Lewis, 82; Sir Thomas Macdonald, 79; Dame Ruth Raftton, 62; Colonel Sir Cennydd Traherne, 67; Professor Alfred Ubbelonde, 70.

Eton College

The Michaelmas half at Eton College closes today. There are 132 boys leaving. The Rosebery History Exhibition has been awarded to D. W. K. Anderson, KS, and the Newcastle Classical Prize to N. T. Morgan, KS. In the fittel of the House Association Mr. frize to N. 1. Storgan, and the fixed of the House Association Mr G. D. Royson's defeated Mr T. L. Holder's by three goals to one. The Lent helf, in which the new provost, Skr Martin Charteris, takes up his appointment, begins on January 11.

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Forthcoming .

marriages Mr P. D. Cole and Miss S. W. Masefield The engagement is amounced between Peter, twin son of the late Mr and Mrs H. D. Cole, of Sonning, Berkshire, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs O. S. Masefield, of Kingswood,

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Major and Mrs A. M. Hall, of Buckland Newton, Dorset, and Sarab, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. H. Lowther-Pinkerton, of Alderton, Suffolk, Mr C. K. Flynn and Miss F. G. Gascoyne and Miss F. G. Gascoyne

The engagement is announced between Christopher. only son of Mr and Mrs K. H. Flynn, of Majdenhead. Berkshire, and Felicity. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Gascoyne, of Currall Hall, Tenbury Wells, Westerstein Mr M. E. Hudson and Miss A. D. Barclay

The engagement is aumounced between Michael, youngest son of Brigadier and Mrs J. C. Hudson, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Barclay, of Aldborough, Mr R. P. T. Hines and Miss F. J. Davenport and Miss F. J. Davenport
The engagement is announced between Richard Peter Treadwell, elder son of Mr A. J. Rines, of 30 Hampstead Lane, London, NG, and Mrs J. M. Pearson, of 6 Monnagu Mews West, London, W1, and Frances Jane (Jenny), younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Davenport, of The Thatches, Thurlestone, Devon. Mr A. St J. Robinson and Miss H. M. J. Linehan The engagement is amounced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth St J. Robinson, of Orchardleigh, Shere, Surrey, and Hanora, only daughter of the late Mr Timothy Linehan and of Mrs Mary Linehan, of Islington, London.

The engagement is atmounced between Charles Fisher, son of the late Dr C. R. St Johnston and of Mrs E. M. St Johnston, of the Old Mill, Childswick, Worcestershire, and Jennifer Ann. daughter of Mr and Mrs D. L. Cooper-Jones, of New Barnet, Herifordshire

Mr R. I. Thomson and Miss B. J. Greaves The engagement is aunounced between Richard, son of the Rev G. I. F. and Mrs Thomson, of Yaruton. Oxford, and Belinda, daughter of Dr and Mrs I. R. Greaves, of Sandwich, Kenz.

Other wills include (net, before

Russell, Mr Stanley Arthur, of Luton, insurance company man-ager ... £190,273

Latest appoint /2nts include: Mr John Gam neil. Headmaster of Repton since 1968, to join the Cambridge University Careers

and suss M. E. Franklin
The marriage took place on
Saturday, December 10, at the
Church of St Michael, Kirby-leSoken, between Mr Patrick
Bowring and Miss Mary Franklin.
A reception was held afterwards
at Landermere Hall.

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 10, at St Mary's, Bayford, between Mr Simon Sherbrooke and Miss Miranda McCrea. The Rev J. A. Davies officiated, assisted by Father D. Baker.

assisted by Pather D. Baker.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Elizabeth Sherbrooke, Miss Emma Ross, Helen and James Baly, Laura Maxwell-Strart and Clennel Collingwood.

Mr Giles Winter was best man.

Latest appointment.

Mr P. C. Bowring and Miss M. E. Franklin

Mr S. Sherbrooke and Miss M. McCres

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Rotunda Bar: Music provided by Cathy Kinley.

New Year's Day Le Trianon open for Luncheon

LeCafeJardin Coffee House is open 24 hrs a day

Christmas Luncheon £5.50 per person, £4.00 for

Christmas Luncheon, presents from Father Christmas for the children, Art Fairbank at the piano, £12.50 per

Christmas Eve Le Trianon Restaurant open for

Martiages

Latest wills

cot.

Luncheons Lillian Violet Cooke, of Newport, Gwent, left £14,435 net. She left all her property to her parish church, St Mary the Virgin, Caldi-

Belgian Chamber of Commerce
The Belgian Ambassador and the
Luxembourg Ambassador attended
a luncheon given by the Belgian
Chamber of Commerce in Great
Britain at the Anglo-Belgian Club
yesterday. The Belgian Minister
for Foreign Trade, M H. de
Bruyne, was the guest speaker. M
Guy Roberty, chairman of the
chamber, presided. Other guests
included Baron E. de Selys Longchamps, M H. Perdius and Baron
Thierry de Gruben,
wh F. S. Law HM Government Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, was host at a government luncheon at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of Herr H. Rohde, Minister of Education for the Federal Republic of Germany. Dr R. Jochimsen and the Ambassador for the Federal Republic of Germany were among the guests. Other wills include the base of the care paid: tax not disclosed):
Capo-Blanco, Mrs Elleen Cecilia,
£192,820

The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Shields, of Rosslyn Park. South Australia, and Pamela, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. P. Heath, of Cooks Place, Albury, Surrey.

and Miss F. M. Lessure
The engagement is announced
between Jeremy, only son of Mr
and Mrs G. H. Orsborn, of Alresford, Hampshire, and Pamela, only
daughter of Professor and Mrs
lan W. Lesslie, of Woking, Surrey.

Mr J. G. Orsborn and Miss P. M. Lesslie

Mr T. P. Cullen and Miss J. A. Timmer

The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P. Cullen, of Winkfield, Berkshire, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Timmer, of Fort Victoria, Phodesia.

Captain N. M. Hall, RM, and Miss S. L. Lowther-Pinkerton

HM Government Mix Frank Judd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at 1 Cariton Gardens yesterday in honour of Governor James Thompson, of Illinois, and Mrs Thompson. Among those present were:

Mr Jack Suiser, Mr Michael Corkery, Dr Feter Chester, Dr John Powell, Professor Lyn Davies, Mr Graham Zel-lick and Mr Ramsey Methylsh.

HM Government Mr Even Luard, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at the Carlton Tower hotel yester-day in honour of Mr Azim Husain, Deputy Secretary-General, Com-monwealth Secretariat. Among those present were: ise present were:

High Commissioner for Maurillus,
Antony Duff, Shri C. Dasgunia,
Ross Deane, Mr Laurie Parit, MP,
Derok Ingram, Mr Rogor de Boolsy,
Robin O'Nell. Mrs Beryl Chity
i Mr Tom Duggin,

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr P. R. A. Mansfield, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was hosts at a luncheon held at the Carlton Tower botel vesterday in honour of M Edem Kodjo. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Togo. Among the guests were:

were:
The Ambassader of Togo, M Lawson,
Mr M. D. Torry, Mr Richard Wads,
Miss Belly Boothroyd, MP, Mr R. A.
Kahane (American Embassy) and Mr

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr I. J. M. Sutherland, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held at the Goring Hotel yesterday in honour of Hear Erich Kuepker, Lower Saxony Minister for the Economy and Transport. Among the quests were: the guests were :

Commonwealth Parilamentary Association

Mr James Johnson, MP, deputy chairman, United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamen-tary Association, was host at a luncheon given by the executive committee in honour of the High Commissioner for India at the House of Commons yesterday. Among those present were:

Church news

The Rev Keith Norman Sutton, Principal of Ridley Hall Theological College, Cambridge, is to be Bishop, Sufferent of Kingston upon Thames, in succession to Dr Montefiore, who was recently appointed Elshop of Birmingham. Mr Sutton, aged 43, has been principal at Ridley Hall since 1973. Before that he was tutor and chaplain of Bishop Tucker College at Mukono, Uganda.

25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, Dec 13, 1952

The Queen's title The following annuncement was issued from 10 Downing Street last night: The Prime Minister and night: The Prime Alinister and other representatives of Commonwealth countries in London for the Commonwealth Economic Conference have considered the form of the royal title. They recognize that the present rule is not in accord with current conspitutional relations within the Commonwealth, and that there is need for a new form of title which will, in particular, reflect the special position of the Sovereign as head of the Commonwealth. They concluded, after full consideration, that in the present stage of envisaged.

want, to be Team Rector of the Cations and the Downham Team Ministry, same discrete.

The Rer P. S. Wilson, Vicar of Corney with Monellan and Donaghmore, discrete of Derry and Raphoe, to be priest-in-charge of St Vary's, Castletowa, discrete of Sodor and Man. The Rev R. M. Wilson, curate of Bottoloh's Knottingley, discrete of Walefield, it be priest-in-charge of Walefield, it be priest-in-Carge of Walefield, the Cathering of Luke's, Cleckherion, same discost. development of the Commonwealth relationship it would be in accord with the established constitutional with the established constitutional position that each member country should use for its own purposes a form of title which suits its own particular circumstances but retains a substantial element which is common to all. They agreed that the various forms of the title should, in addition to an appropriate territorial designation, have as their common element the description of the Sovereign as Queen of her other realms and territories and head of the Commonwealth. The representatives of all the Commonwealth countries concerned have agreed to take at the earliest convenient opportunity such action as is necessary in each country to secure the appropriate constitutional approval for the changes now envisaged.

Today's engagements The Queen holds an investiture,

11.
The Prince of Wales, as Chairman, the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal, visits Greater Manchester: Thameside College of Technology, 10.40; Adelphi Building, Salford, 3.20; Bolton Town Hall, 4.40: Octagon Theatre, Bolton, 7.35.

versity, 5.30.

The Duke of Gloucester judges entries for Historic Britain Photography Competition, Department of Entrionment, Marsham Street, Westminster, 3; as Patron, St Mary-le-Strand Restoration Trust, attends Festival of Christmas Music and Carols, St Mary-le-Strand, 6.30.

Princess Alice Duchess of Clou-

OBITUARY

SIR CHARLES PETRIE Historian and man of letters

Petrie, who succeeded his brother as third baronet in 1927 played a considerable part in the Tory politics of his time from his undergraduate days onward, being as much interested in contemporary politics as in the history about which

The Petries, a family which came originally from Aberdeen and Kincardineshire (an ancestor fought at Bannockburn), declined in fortune as a result of supporting the Stuarts after the Revolution. They migrated to Ulster in the eighteenth century, Petrie's own branch returning in the 1870s to Liverpool, in whose civic, particularly Tory, activities Petrie's father, the first baronet, played a considerable part. Petrie's mother was a Macdonald descended from a younger brother of the Seven Men of Moidart who had taken refuge in Canada after the defeat of the Forty-Five. Indeed, Petrie used to attribute his lifelong interest in the largebiese (where the forty-Five. he wrote. his lifelong interest in the Jacobires (whose cause formed the theme of undoubtedly his best historical work) to his descent on both sides from Stuart supporters.

He was educated privately and at Corpus Christi College, oxford. He went up to the university in October, 1914 and, like many others of his generation who survived, returned there after the war. Together with many fellow undergraduates who later became famous, he played a considerable part in the politics of the time. He was the first President of the Oxford Carlton Club, and so remained for many years By Huon Mallalieu In 1975 Margaret Drabble wrote that "there would be more genuine rejoicing at the discovery of a new novel by Jane Austen than any other literary discovery, short of a new major play by Shakespeare, that one can imagine". The discovery of an unknown play by Jane Austen presumably ranks with that of a novel by Shakespeare.

Yesterday the manuscript of her

so remained for many years and, on coming down, founded the Eighteen Club, the object of which was to keep Conservatives who had been at Oxford since 1918 in touch with each other. The club, which dined monthly until the early 1950s, contained a number of distinguished another of distinguished a guished members and represented at least two generations of Oxford Toryism.

Indeed, apart from his pro-fession as a historian, Petrie would probably best wish to have been remembered for his Yesterday the manuscript of her Str Charles Grandison or the Happy Man, a Comedy, based on Richardson's novel, was sold at Sotheby's for £17,000 (estimate about £15,000). It came from the collection of her great-great-nephews and was bought by Mr David Astor, of Jubilee Books, Burford, who was determined that it should not be "lost in the library of an American university." The second day of the sale of fostering of Oxford Toryism. (He would have preferred to call it Toryism rather than Con-

Sir Charles Alexander Petrie,
Bt, CEE, historian and man of letters, died yesterday at the age of 82.

Petrie, who succeeded his Petrie's first head one well out of the war. had done well out of the wat ".)

Petrie's first book was published in 1929 under the title of The History of Government and attracted little attention. From then on, however, he published a series of historical works which showed sound schokarship. His George Canning, published in 1949, was the fore-runner of a series of excellent histories, but his The Jacobita

histories, but his The Jacobite Movement (1932, with a new Movement (1932, with a new edition in 1959), was undoubtedly his most important work. His inherited, Jacobite sympathies combined with his modern Toryism to make this book, which was still further brought up to date in 1959, a labour of love. Indeed, the research into new impublished documents for his later books, The Marshal Duke of Berwick (1953) and The Stuarts (1937. (1953), and The Stuarts (1937, and revised after the war), the former containing a number of hitherto unpublished letters between the Duke of Berwick and Alba and his son, who was campaigning in the 1745 rebel-lion, largely assisted Petrie in

lion, largely assisted Petrie in producing the 1959 version of The Jacobite Movement.

His sense of historical atmosphere again was to be seen in his The Four Georges: A Revaluation (1935) and in his Wellington: A Re-assessment (1956). His interest in contemporary diplomatic history showed itself in his Life and Letters of Sir Austen Chamber-Letters of Sir Austen Chamberlain (two vols 1939-40).

After the war he produced A Diplomatic History 1713-1933 (1946) and Earlier Diplomatic History 1492-1713 (1949). His interest in Spain (he was a corresponding member of the Royal Spanish Academy of History and of the Institucion Fernando el Catolico, Zaragoza; Fernando el Catolico, Zaragoza; a Commander of the Order of Isahella the Catholic and a Knight of the Order of Civil Merit) showed itself in his History of Spain which he wrote with Louis Bertrand in 1934 and which was published in a new edition in 1957, and the History of the Spanish Royal House in

Petrie's Chapters of Life, an autobiography (1950), was a pleasing reflection of the author's character; amiable and

extrovert. But he contained to write prolifically well into old age. Later books included Philip II of Spain (1963); King Alfonso XIII (1963); Scenes of Edwardian Life (1965); Don John of Austria (1967); The Drift to World War 1900-1914 (1968); A Historian looks at his World (1972); and A Short History of Spain (1976).

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torian looks at his World (1972); and A Short History of Spain (1976).

Petrie was anached to the War Cabinet Office in 1918-19 and it was perisaps in those offices, surrounded by history, that his first interest in historical matters developed. He became in later years president of the Military Historical Society of Ireland and, for many year, edited The Household Brigade Magazine. He was foreign editor of the English Review from 1931-37—them a considerable force in Tory politics—associate editor in 1940-41, and editor in 1941-43 of The Empire Review, and managing editor of The New English Review from 1945-50. During the Second World War he was official lecturer to HM Forces and travelled widely in the pursuit of his duties. He was a Commendatore of the Order of the Crown of Italy and a Commander of the Order of George I of Greece, this latter being a reward for the behind-the scenes role he played in helping to secure the first restoration of King George II of the Hellenes in 1934.

Perrie was an ardent monarchist and was on terms of

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Perrie was an ardent monarchist and was on terms of
personal friendship with the
claimants to the thrones of
Austria. Spain, France and
Portugel, But in political, as in
social matters, Petrie, though a
richt-winger, was no die-herd.

I ke his hero, Charles II, he
liked people to be easy about
him, a fact which contributed
to the wide circle of his friends.

He was twice married, first
bo Ursula, daughter of the late
Judge Dowdall. The son of the
regriage. Charles Richard
Rorthwick Petrie, succeeds him.

The marriage was dissolved in
1925. Petrie's second marriage
was in 1976 to Cecilia Mason
by whom he had one son. If
was ideally happy, Lady Petrie
sharing his political interestiand moreover being, particular and moreover being participated interesti-larly in civic matters (she wim-Mayor of Kensington freign 1934-56 and a member of to?) LCC from 1949) a very distince personality in her own right to

PROFESSOR SIR HUGH ROBSON

Professor Sir Hogh Robson, FRCP, FRCPEd, FRACP, FRSE, Principal of the University of Edinburgh since 1974, Ilbrary of an American university."

The second day of the sale of aniograph letters, manuscripts and documents made a total of £77,822, with 4.5 per cent bought in. A letter from Professor Tolkien to Naomi Mitchison describing the Westron and Elvish languages in The Lord of The Rines was sold for £680 (estimate £600 to £600), and another, thanking her for a review, for £700 (estimate £600 to £700). died on December 11 at the age of 60. Hugh Robson was a man of great strength of character and leadership who, as Princi-pal and Vice-Chancellor, made a major impact on two great universities, who on the national stage gave sterling service to the public and to the university community and who, as a dis-tinguished teacher of medicine, did much for the cause of medical education in two continents. Born on October 18, 1917,

in Langholm and educated at Langholm and Duméries scade-His war service was with the RNVR as Surgeon-Lieutenant,

bowl decorated with dragous went to an anonymous buyer for £28,000 (estimate, £20,000 to £30,000). A large grey postery figure of a woman, dating from the Han dynasty, went to Hirano from Japan for £20,000 (estimate £7.000 to £9,000), and J. T. Tai, also from Japan, paid £18,000 for an archaic brooze ritual food vessel dating from the Shang or early Western Chou dynasty (estimate £10,000 to £12,000.

A strongly cast archaic brooze A strongly cast archaic bronze

wine vessel from the Shang dynasty went to another anonymous bidder for £17,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000). The sale made a total of £55,140, with 14.3 percent bought in.

The antiquities made a total of £167,485. A lace-period Egyptian black basalt head of an official was sold for £13,500, and in a very different tradition, a Bakongo wood maternity figure went for £9,200 (estimate £4,000 to £56,000).

Christie's sold miniatures and objects of virth bringing a total of £41,510, with 20 per cent bought in, and £nglish watercolours made £40,373, with 8 per cent bought in. "The Lesson", a fine example of Myles Birket Foster's high-Victorian style and subject matter, was sold for £3,600 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000).

Phillips, who held their first New York sales in Madison Avenue last week, have acquired Coleman Auction Galleries, at 525 East 72nd Street, generally regarded as the fourth largest auction house in New York. Coleman's, founded in 1920 and situated in a former theatre, will provide Phillips with much

ated in a former theatre, will provide Philips with much needed space for larger suctions

Christmas appeal

A Christmas appeal, the proceeds of which will be distributed to firefighting teams of Servicemen and members of the Forces serving in Northern Ireland, was made vesterday by Lord George-Brown, Mr Grimond, MP, Sir lan Gilmour, MP, and Mr Winston Churchili, MP. Donations should be sent to Soldlers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA), 27 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9BZ, marked "Christmas Appeal".

Christian book award A biennial award of £1,000 to a book in English and published in the United Kingdom that has been inspired in some way by the Christian faith, by an author under 50, has been announced. It will be known as the Wimifred Mary Stanford Prize and the first award will be made at Easter. will be made at Easter.

Princess Margaret, as Chan-cellor, atends ball, Keele Uni-versity, 5.30.

chairman of its art and archaeology committee.

He was educated privately and at Heriford College, Oxford, and during 1917-18 served in the First World War. He was, however, throughout his life a man of poor health, and was twice invalided out of the Army.

He passed his Rar examinations.

St Mary-ie-Strand, 6.30.
Princess Alice Duchess of Cloucester attends gala concert given
by London Mozart Players,
Festival Hall, 7.45.
Pickars Festivathes approxi-Dickens Fellowship annual pre-

mies, he entered the University of Edinburgh to study medicine and graduated MB, ChB in 1941. in the Western Approaches. Normandy, Arakan and Malays, from 1942-46.

from 1942-46.

Returning to the University of Edinburgh as a lecturer in medicine in 1947, he was within three years appointed to a Senior Lectureship in the University of Aberdeen and in a further three years, at the age of 35, to a chair—that of the first Professor of Medicine—at the University of Adelaide, in Austrelie.

The twelve years of his stay at the University of Adelaide were to see the flowering of his career as a teacher and clinical practitioner of medicine, as well as service to the University as a whole, and public service within Australia. lic service within Australia, which of itself would merir a full tribute and about which more must be written. It must have been with some rewret that he and his family left their second adopted country and second, adopted, country and all the friends they had made there in 1965 He returned to the United Kingdom to Sheffield in 1966

to face a new situation, and at that time, an unknown one. No one then knew that the universities of this country were to face

Keeper of the Department of Woodwork, and subsequently

Edwards was in his own way a devoted Welshman, who in later years spent much of his leisure in Monmouthshire, and

a time of rapid expansion in-volving doubling of student numbers after the Robbins Report. Sheffield University was indeed fortunate to have Hugh Robson there as Vice-Chancellor and Principal in these critical times, but so were all the universities of the United Kingdom, for they inherited in Hugh Robson one who was high in their counsels and in positions of leadership throughout this period. Friends in Sheffield will pay tribute to the magnificent service there for eight years. But it is to the greater scene that we must pay the greatest tribute—to his work for the Commonwealth Universities as a whole and during the years 1971-74, when he was first Vice-Chaleman and then Chaleman of lors and Principals. In his role as Chatrman of the Vice-Chan-cellors' Committee he had a firm grip of the essentials while inspiring the universities to meet the serious winds of meet the serious winds of change sometimes blowing from Government, sometimes from students, sometimes from acride-mic stelf and sometimes from

the public.
At the University of Edinburch, to which he was proud to return in 1974 as Principal and Vice-Chancellor, there, will be the deepest sorrow that his the deepest sorrow that his Principalship, to which he came

when the University was experi-encing troubled times, should Dow have been cut so short. Under his leadership, a period disturbed relationships had already given way to one in which the concept of community could again come to the fore and cooperation between all parts of the University had become the keywate in setting.

the 10 most difficult years of their history—years of student unrest, of student change, as College of Physicians in Icxer. Well as of necessary interval of the Royal College of Physicians in Icxer. College and development—all at a time of rapid expansion involving doubling of student numbers after the Robbins Great Britain and Irelandin of Republication. Great Britain and Irelandin of was elected to the Fellowshed of the Royal Society of Ender burgh in 1975, and in the seriey year was admitted as Hon I at vania, and Hon LLD of Ender was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Arts and in the same year to Arts and in the same year to the Hon Fallowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. appointments. He was chairman of the Central Committee on

Postgraduate Medical Education (Great Britain) from 1968-70. and of the Council for Post-graduate Medical Education in England and Wales from 1970 72; he was chairmen of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdood from 1972-74. He was chairman of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs from 1971-79. He served on the United Nations University Founding Committee. Since 1974 he ham been chairman of the Scottis Health Services Planning Cou cill. He was recently appoints chairman of the Advisory Corg. mittee on Medical Training fig., the EEC.

He was a member of Executive Committee of Inter-University Council Higher Education Oversess, Coverning Trustee of the Natical Provincial Hospitz Trust, and Chairman of f British Committee of Award the Harkness Fellowships (Comonwealth Fund). He vikinghted in January 1974.

and cooperation between parts of the University had become the keypote in settling knighted in January 1974. Remarried Alice Livingstof MB, CLB, in 1942. She survit in him as do their two daught the ship of the Royal College of the Royal Co

MR RALPH EDWARDS

Mr Raiph Edwards, CBE, tion in the Department of Wood-FSA, who was from 1937 to 1954 work at the Victoria and Albert

Woodwork, and subsequently adviser on works of art to the Mindstry of Works and the Historic Buildings Councils, died on December 13. He was 83.

Herbert Cecii Ralph Edwards was born on June 24, 1894, the son of Rev W. A Edwards, at one time vicar of Tredington, Shipston-on-Stour He was Welsh on both sides, his father being a member of a family prominent in the Church of Wales (Alfred George Edwards; the first Archinshop of Wales, was Ralph Edwards's great uncle), and his mother a daughter of an old family of Vale of Glamorgan gentefolk, the Pritchards of Pwil-y-Wrach.

Edwards was in his own way Before many years had passed he was acknowledged to possess an immensely wide and scholarly knowledge of English furniture, and his later writings on the subject include an important new edition of the dic-tionary for the revision of which be was salely responsible, in 1953 (a cite volume edition appeared in 1963); a short Hislished by the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1951; and Georgian Campet-Makers, 1944, written in collaboration with Margaret Jourdain, an invaluable reference book, of which a revised edition appeared in 1955. He was the author also later years spent much of his of many margine articles and leisure in Monamourbshire, and gave long and valuable service to the National Museum of Wales, as a member of its court and council and especially as chairman of its art and archaeothery committee.

turned out, however, his retirement from the museum was perhaps fortunate for him for it enabled him to be announced to advise the Ministry of Works, and the Historic Buildings Councils for England and Wales, on the artistic and decorative contents of houses with which they were concerned.

This was a post for which Edwards was supremely fitted by his width of knowledge—though even here his astringent

He passed his Rar examinations, and was on the editorial staff of Country Life from 1921 to 1926. He had before the end of that period become associated with Percy Macquoid in the editorship of The Dictionary of English Furniture 1924-27, and in 1926 was appointed to a position of the priod become associated with Percy Macquoid in the editorship of The Dictionary of English Furniture 1924-27, and have come as an unusual experience to some owners of periods.

haps too-highly treasured i inwork at the Victoria and Albert
Museum—and 11 years later
succeeded to the Keepership of
that Department.

Before many years had passed

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to a series of the series of t Science report Entomology: Insecticides

of sexual organs in a test insect, Dysdereus, producing sterile adults.

The Indian group finds that the proposed which it proposes. R.

compound, which it names B-asarone, is effective when added to the final larval stage of Dysdercus, producing adult fe-

Nature-Times News Service,

Indian scientists have added another compound to the list of natural plant products that produce sterility in insects and might be developed as insecticides harmless to man and other animal life.

Dr Bhaskar Saxena and his colleagues from the regional research leaboratory of the Indian scientific government research council at Jammu Tawi have isolated a compound from the "sweet flag", Acorus calomus, a waterside plant, that stops the normal development of sexual organs in a test insect, Dusdercus, producing sterile adults.

Judich the ovaries remain permanently immalture. When adult insects were also affected. The first natural insect chemisterilants were isolated from the common garden plant. Ageratum, and turned out specifically to inhibit the insect's juvenile hormone, essential for normal sexual development. Pasarone seems to uct in a different way. It remains to be seen whether the chemicals can be developed into the badly needed new insecticides. Source: Nature, 270: 572, Dec 8. Source: Nature, 270; 572, Dec 8, 1977.

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points to further rise in jobless total this winter

Industrial activity in Britain shows too sign yet of picking up, in spine of the stimulus given to the economy by the Chancellor in the summer and

The implication of this continuing sluggish level of output it from factories and workshops, 1976 configures published yesterday, is that enemployment will probably rise further this winter.

Yesterday's figures suggest that industrial production fell by about 11 per cent in October. Government statisticians are reforward to place too much reliance on a single month's figures, particularly when they are subject to as much revision

as these output indices have been in the past.

Byen so, it is clear that the industrial sector, which industried sector, which accounts for nearly helf of the total output of the economy, remain very depressed.

Since the spring, when ecti-vity in this sector showed a discernible reduction, the level of production seems to have changed little. The pictures is dustry alone excluding mindustry alone excluding mining, construction and utilities.

Moreover, there is some
reason to think that the figures
actually overstate the level of
industrial output in recent
months because of officially
admitted weaknesses in the
way that the statistics are collected and compiled.

It remains far from clear

It remains for from clear why industrial activity remains so depressed when the demand for goods has been rising domestically and the volume of exports has also been increas-

There has been a major bardroom shakeup at Crane Fruebauf, the Norfolk treiler manufacturer, after the company's takeover by Fruebauf Corporation of the United States Mr Angus Murray has heen removed as chairman of the company, along with Mr H. Allwood, the deputy chairman. Mr Derek Marsh, managing director, Mr J. K. Thompson, project director, have also heen dismissed from their executive positions.

their executive positions. Four nominees of Fruehauf

Four nominees of Fruehauf Corporation were appointed to the board, giving it an American majority. After the Lachanges, Mr. L. H. Allwood Fruehauf gained from the board.

Fruehauf gained control of Crane after a bitterly fought hattle against the Crane board.

Fisco involving Inchespe as rival pidders. Fruehauf eventually paid 100p a share, compared with its original bid of 27p a stare in October last year.

There in October last year. A grow broke out between Crane's arectors and the Takeover apanel over an amouncement that the board would not stand

hy its profits forecast of £3m; for the current year if Fruehaurs bid was successful.

LRC International, the rubber

LKC International, the rubber gloves, contraceptives and toiletries group, has settled a four year dispute with Cadbury Schweppes over the sale of Courtenay Wines (International) at a cost of more than £460,000. Cadbury Schweppes had been seeking in excess of £1.1m.

The dispute stemmed from the warranties given by LRC

when it sold Courtenay to Cad-bury. Problems arose when the company's results fell short of expectation and Cadbury began proceedings against LRC. LRC announced yesterday that the matter had been settled with the payment to Cadbury of £300,000 plus interest over a four year period, while Cadbury had also retained £160,000

had also retained £160,000 which was otherwise due to LRC. An extraordinary debit of £375,000 will be included in

Cadbury settlement

costs LRC £460.000

of £1.1m.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT The following are the index numbers for industrial production in October, seasonally adjusted, released by the Central Statistical Office yesterday (1970=100):

lolai 103.4 103.5 103.7 103.5 103.6 102.5 103.7 100.2 102.8 102.7

Percentage change

shown some revived belond by last July's tax rebates, and exports rose 24 per cent by volume in the third quarter of the year.

The explanation seems to be manufacturers chosen to meet this demand by running down their stocks rather than increasing output. This follows an apparently involuntary rise in stocks in earlier months.

The hope of ministers must be that this process is nearly

complete and industrial output will start to climb under the imperus of the fresh measures taken by the Chancellor on October 26.

Most economic forecesters expect consumer spending to rise
Consumer expenditure has relatively sharply next year.

In brief

Mr Angus Murray: removed as

LRC's accounts for the current

Meanwhile, LRC has announced a one-for-one rights issue at the par value of 10p, to raise £4.3m. The share price cased 21p to 761p. Because of

the discount to the market price, the issue is not being

BR Pension Funds

offer unconditional

British Rail Pension Funds have declared their offer for Edinburgh and Dundee Invest-ment Trust unconditional, hav-

ing received acceptances in respect of 74.56 per cent of the

equity. The offer is to remain open until further notice.

There was no comment from

Financial Editor, page 19

Crane Fruehauf directors ousted

Industrial output slowdown £250m Channel power link planned

and France have been agreed by the Central Electricity Generating Board and by its counterpart, Electricité de France. The total cost at present price levels is put at £250m and will be shared equality between the two authorities

The cable, which could be commissioned within the next five years, will supersede a 160Mw link between Dungeness and Equihen, near Boulogne, laid in 1961 and at present out of service.

Amouncing the agreement in London yesterday, Mr Glyn England, CEGB chairman, said he and M Marcel Boiseux, his opposite number, had yet to secure the approval of their respective Governments.

development contracts for the British shore installation had already been placed. The link, which he describes as an exciting proposition", would enable the two countries to trade electricity, thus reducing the costs of both state authorities. In France, for example, people start and finish work earlier and Electricité de France, therefore, has electricity to spare when British demand is peaking.

Mr England also presents the proposals Mr England also presents the proposals as a way of saving up to 500,000 tonnes of oil a year, and of "exporting" as electricity up to a million tonnes of British toal. This, however, would depend upon the National Coal Board's ability to produce more coal than the CEGB needs for British consumption and at a price likely to cut Franch husers. likely to suit French buyers.

A more contentious point is the extent to which the two state authorities will trade power to short-circuit industrial

for the past two weeks, and consumers are suffering power cuts.

Mr England said yesterday that the present link would have made a "useful contribution" during the power cuts caused in this country by the recent unofficial action of CEGB employees.

That it did not do so is because the link has been broken for much of this year. The present cable lies on the seabed and is constantly falling foul of anchors and trawls, particularly on the French

and trawls, particularly on the French side. The new link, which would follow much the same route as the old one, would be buried about 15 metres deep in

If there is to be any controversy over the placing of the contracts—which might be next year—it is likely to be not between London and Paris but between them and Brussels. An arrangement to split the work between contractors in Britain and France might attract the notice of officials in Brussels concerned with competition

the law His Excellency Abdullah Yousef al-Ghanim, Kuwait's Minister for Electricity and Water, has just left a pair of Germany's largest companies frothing with rage and a group of international lawyers in don looking glassy eyed. Eight years ago the two Ger man companies (names and

iddresses supplied but withheld to save them further embarrassment) bid for and won a £13m contract for part of Kuwait's futuristic, com-puter-controlled water distribu-

tion project.

Their part of the scheme should have been completed by spring, 1973, but almost from the start things went wrong—tites were not handed over on time, electrical power was not provided on schedule—and the contract over-ran. The Germans slapped in a claim for delays

contract over-ran. The Germans slapped in a claim for delays and disruptions amounting to more than £20m.

The contract—which was in Euglish, since the Germans did not speak very good Arabic and the Kuwaitis were not too good at German-scipulated that is at German—stipulated that in the event of a dispute the parties should go to arbitration

under the laws of Kuwait.
Kuwaiti law stipulates that
there shall be one arbitrator
nominated by each party and
that the arbitrators should agree
on an independent chairman. If they fail to agree—as they did
—the claimants can apply to
the Kuwaiti courts to appoint
a chairman. Eventually Professor Ahmed Kamal Aboul Majid,
professor of law at Kuwaiti Uni-

versity, was so appointed. By June this year Professor Majid was ready to start. Then the Minister for Electricity and Water pulled his mestetr

He invoked a provision of Kuwaiti law which obliges the arbitration tribunal to produce its award within three months.

Second he insisted, as he is entitled to do, that Arabic be used as the language of srbitation, which would mean translating more than 30,000 documents into Arabic—six mil-Anyone planning to do business with Kuwait is advised to bone up on his contract law.

Malcolm Brown

3 per cent rise in personal con-

sumption between the second halves of 1977 and 1978. But

growth in earnings of around

10 per cent. An average rise in earnings closer to 15 per cent, at a time when inflation is falling quite rapidly, would lead to a rather greater short-

term increase in real purchas-

ing power. This likelihood has led in-

dependent economic forecasters

to predict an even faster growth in personal consumption than the Treasury has done. But the outcome will also depend on how much people choose to save of their higher income.

Even on the Treasury's assumptions manufacturing production is seen as rising by some 34 per cant between the second halves of 1977 and 1978.

However with many ground

However, with many groups of workers delaying wage settle-ments until the general level

for phase three becomes clearer

any recovery in output could come too late to prevent un-employment rising in coming

There is, in any case, usually lag of several months before

changes in the level of economic activity have an incluence on

scrivity have an influence on supployment.
Strangely, in spite of the generally depressed level of the economy, the level of unemployment has shown an inexplicable decime in October and November, after allowing for sessonal influences.
It is possible that employers are holding on to workers in anticipation of an increase in demand next year. But, if the

demand next year. But, if traditional relationship

tween employment and output were maintained some further rise in jobless would seem

159p. Meanwhile the National Coal

Glenlivet Distillers

dealines suspended Dealings in the shares of Glen-

yesterday at 460p pending boardroom consideration today of an increased offer from Sea-

gram, the Canadian group. The original offer worth £34m, or 440p per share, was rejected last mouth but Glenil-

of the company. It is under stood that a partial bid, enab

Hng Glenlivet to maintain its quote, had been discussed by

Uranium rise agreed

this prediction assumes

Proposals for a 2,500-megawair sub-marine power cable link between Britain

. It is known however, that the link was on the agenda of the talks that ended yesterday between. Mr Callaghan and M Giscard d'Estaing, the French President. Mr England appeared confident the scheme would proceed, and said that some

New Letter

of Intent to

IMF likely

A letter from the Chancello

to the International Monetary Fund setting out the detailed results of their recent talks will probably be published this week.

It may be in the form of a Letter of Intent with an outline of the policy commitments which the Government is making to the fund in return

for the continuation until the end of 1978 of the standby

credit agranged last December.

It is expected that figures for the two key variables which the IMF monitor will be given, although they will almost certainly not have the hard status of targets. Reaching agreement on the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement for 1976-79 seems to have given little difficulty.

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There should be room for

substantial tax outs in the spring Budget even within the

spring Budger even within the £8,600m central estimate of the PSBR which was incorporated in the original Letter of Intent. The latest private Treasury forecast of next year's PSBR is believed to be only £6,800m.

However, it has been less easy

By Caroline Atkinson

action by their employees. French power workers have been in dispute over pay Heavy dollar fall after Basle talks failure

Frankfurt, Dec 13

The dollar today stumped to new record lows against the Deutschemark and the Swiss the foreign exchange markets that the meeting of western central bankers in Basle had come to no agreement on a new joint initiative to support the United States currency.

(In London currency dealers said the dollar was dropping like a stone after the dropping like a stone after the lack of agreement in Basic. The Bank of England appeared to be adding to the dollar's troubles by selling some of its reserves to bold up the pound. Sterling closed 90 points up on the day against the dollar at \$1.8405 with an unchanged affective rule index of 63.4. The dollar dropped maney record dollar dropped to a new record low of 2.1445 Deutschemarks and 2.0985 Swiss france during trading, aichough it subse-quently closed a little higher at DM2.1505, and SwF2.1040.]

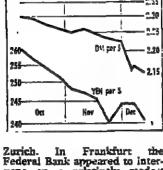
Although it had been rumoured yesterday that Swiss banks and others were poised to dump dollars on the market if the central bankers meeting failed to produce any tangible result, no communique was issued after the bankers ended after the bankers ended

refused to enlarge the scope of its foreign exchange market intervention beyond smoothing out erratic currency movements. Mr Henry Wallich, who repre-

sented the Federal Reserve system at Basle, apparently told other central bankers that the United States monetary authorides sympathized with the problems caused by the fall in the dollar for the European countries and Japan. But he made clear that intervention was a political decision and that the Carter Administration was not prepared to embark on such a

calm of foreign exchange markets yesterday encouraged central bankers into believing that the dollar had already staged a modest, but successful technical recovery from the low of early hast week and would wilnstand the absence of an official statement from Bosie. That the bankers could not even agree on an anodyne dec-laration designed to give the

American currency moral, rather than physical support, may well indicate the gulf that exists between the American exists between the American position and that of the hard currency notions of West Germany, Switzerland and Japan, Certainly this was how the foreign exchange markets interpreted events. Today's fail in the dollar produced inter-



sifective depreciation from esithsonian (D.C 1971)

vene on a relatively modest scale only. However, close observers of the foreign exchange markets estimated that the Federal Bank

bad bought foreign currencies worth DM9,000m between the beginning of October and the end of last week. As a result interest is focusing on this Thursday's meeting at the Federal Bank Council in

It has long been expected that the council would debate whether or not to announce a money supply target for 1978 at this meeting. In view of the currency inflow arising from the weakness of the dollar it is now expected to announce a cut in German bank rate from the 3.5 per cent level that has been in force since September, 1975.

Dr Emminger, president of

Dr Emminger, president of the Federal Bank, said last week the level of currency

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to agree a figure for the Domes-tic Credit Expansion (the domestic supply of money ex-cluding the effects on the total money supply of flows in or out Board pension fund offer for the £100m British Lovestment issued after the bankers their discussions. While one or two European central bankers said afterwards that the Basie talks had been their the Basie talks had been today that Trust has won acceptances from at least 75.8 per cent of the of the country). The Government is extremely providing to be tied down at this stage on its money policy for next year.

Sources attending the negotiations said that some modifications to the pact, which expires at the end of the year, india—were part of it.

There was it soubt that the modified protu...! to establish an extension would pass the textiles committee and be opened for initialling soon.

The 50 nations that adhere to the MFA account for between 80 per cent and 85 per cent of the world trade in textiles. This amounts to about \$50,000m (about \$77.75)

Textile nations agree on pact extension

to extend the model-fibre agree-ment (MFA) for another four years from the start of next month.

rejected ast mount for Gent-vet later appeared to retreat slightly by saying it was pre-pared to continue negotiations provided Seagram gave written assurances regarding staff em-ployment and the future status

Geneva, Dec 13.—The world's have been agreed and that these main terrile trading nations to-would be presented to the full day reached an understanding 50-nation members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade tomorrow morning.
They said that though the understanding was between the big textile trading nations, the main hardline exporters that had stalled the talks—Brazil and

Stonehouse advisers

the two sides.
Seagram holds 27 per cent of Glenlivet while Suntory, the leading Japanese distillery group, controls a further 11 per Peko Wallsend and EZ Industries, partners in Ranger Uranium, Australia, have won a price increase for 255 tonnes of uranium from stockpile to two Japanese power companies, next year. Meanwhile Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Deveneactor and Nuclear Fuel Deve-lopment of Japan said it had signed agreements to explore uranium resources in Western Australia jointly with Austra-lian Consolidated Minerals and

More N Sea pacts NIOFE IN SEA PACES

Eight companies with interests in block 16/17a of the North Sea, which includes the Brae field, have signed definitive agreements giving the Government majority participation in any commercial developments. They are the first agreements with companies in a block where a decision to develop a field has yet to be taken.

THE POUND

61.75

the trust's management last night but they are now widely expected to capitulate after opposing the offer from the The offer is for certified net asset value—the assets are around £75m—and is believed to be worth around 165p a share compared with a stock market The Times index: 202.44-2.25 The FT index: 476.9-7.6

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criticized in report Continued from page 1

of a company; a suggestion that the rules of the Stock Exchange should cover all public offerings of shares; that an interim statement which is not audited should say so prominently, and that section 197 of the Companies Act, which requires disclosure in accounts of any load. closure in accounts of any loan to a company officer, should be tightened. A further suggestion was that consideration be given to defining the extent of re-

was that consideration be given to defining the extent of reporting accountants' responsibility for the factual accuracy of offer documents.

They also suggest that extradition procedures be made easier—Mr Stonehouse was arrested in Australia in 1975 after disappearing from Miami Beach, feared drowned.

The report itself is an account of a financial ingsaw which was assembled by Mr Stonehouse to hide the failure of the public floration of British Bangladesh Trust in November, 1972.

"The serious wrongdoing extends very considerably beyond the offences for which Mr Stonehouse was later tried and convicted", the inspectors say.

But although the report demonstrates that there were serious breaches of company serious breaches of company law, particularly Section 54 of the 1948 Companies Act which

problets the use of company money to buy its own shares, a spokesman for the Director of Public Prosecutions yesterday said no further action was con-sidered. Mr Stonehouse used his private companies, the inspectors say, " as if they represented an additional hip pocket in his own trousers".

The effect of his personality was to be crucial to many in-

volved with him.

"Most held Mr Stonehouse in awe and great respect. He treated them well took them for walks along the corridors of power and enabled them to rub headless with mon of corridors. choulders with men of considershoulders with men of considerable eminence who were themselves impressed by his charm."

The inspectors trace Mr Stonehouse's problems to the publication of a critical article on the lamnchart of British

Bangladesh Trust in The Sun-day Times.

The timing of The Sunday Times article was unfortunate for the issue and Mr Stonehouse and his colleagues became very concerned at the success of the

In the event it only succeeded

by breaches of the Companies Act through the lending of money by BBT to directors to buy shares. "Mr Stonehouse", buy shares. "Mr Stonehouse", the inspectors say, "was ruined on the treadmill of pride".

Once the company was set up, however, it was important for it to get a clean bill of health from its auditors to obtain a "section 123" licence from the Department of Trade to act as a health

to act as a bank Such a licence was obtained on December 10, 1973, after the audit for which Sir Charles and Mr Levine were criticized. On the basis of the same accounts, the company also had a rights issue for £349,000, which again involved breaches of the Companies Acts.
"The circumstances of this

case do not entitle the solicitors to hide behind the skirts of the auditors nor the auditors behind those of the solicitors. " Neither Sir Charles nor Mr Levine made sufficient inquiry to their respective spheres."
As a result the members of BBT were not given all the information they might reasonably have expected.

The directors too come in for strong criticism. Although we find that the auditors did not ask for edequate information from the directors as to their shareholding, we doubt that such information, had it been specifically requested, would have been truthfully given." Elsewhere the directors are accused of "gross breaches of fiduciary date" in connexion

with guarantees given for loans but not registered. The inspectors criticize Mr John McGrath, former chief accountant of the London Co-operative Society, and Mr Kazi Badruddin Ahmed, whose idea BFT was. "Neither of them in their

directorial capacities gave BBT the benefit of their independent judgment and thought. Both lacked independence of mind and, without scruple, did Mr Smachouse's bidding." Mr Keith White, the general menager of BBT, who had ex-remove banking experience, and officers in the company, are also crinkized.

The irregularities of the business were not confined to its launch. "The inauspicious start to the business of BBT paled when compared with the irregu-larities which were to follow." It involved itself in "window-



Sir Charles Hardie : role in pre paration of audit criticized.

balance sheet. The largest trans action was a deposit of film with Cornhill Consolidated, another "secondary bank" which ran into trouble, against a deposit from an affiliate. Rather different, but no less objectionable, the inspectors

say, were devices to swap lours in Stonebouse companies and to give the appearance that loans had been repaid, when in fact they had not. Mr Stonehouse tried to rectify

the problems his group had got itself into, by investing in securities on the Stock Exchange, against the advice of his general manager. He also invested on his own account, involving Rowe Rudd and Co. his broker, in considerable "Whatever his system," the

inspectors report, "it was singularly unsuccessful." Sir Charles said through his secretary that he was not in a position to make an immediate comment. On Monday he described it as "outrageous" that professional firms and others who had been criticized should have no opportunity to meet such criticisms until after they had been published.

Commenting on the report last night, Mr Eric Levine said: "I do not agree with the inspectors' findings in so far as they concern me. would, however, not be right for me to comment on the efforts of inspectors attempt-ing to discharge a difficult task."

IMPERIAL CONTINENTAL **GAS ASSOCIATION**

Interim Statement

Consolidated Results (mandited)	Helf Year to	Half Year to	Fali Yeer to
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	66,3 01	43,701	127,078
Treding Profit Depreciation	5,314	4,505	18,764
	4,025	3,058	7,047
Income from Investments Interest (set)	1,285 145 (248)	1,417 104 (245)	11,717 10,832 (416)
Group Results before Taxation	1,786	1,276	22,199
Tension	866	\$83	12,376
Group Results after Texation	620	283	8,823
Misority leterests	58	45	135
Results attributable to ICSA	462	248	9,584

The consolidated results are those of the Association and its subsidiaries ing its Belgian subsidiaries.

Belgian subsidiary companies are not consolidated in accordance with the dispensations granted by the Department of Trade

The Directors have declared an interim dividend for the year ending 31st March, 1978 of 4p per stock unit on the £40,413,118 Ordinary Capital Stock, costing £1,616,525. In addition, the Directors have declared a supplementary dividend in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1977 of 0.05122p per stock unit, costing £32,824, to compensate stockholders for the retrospective reduction in the basic rate of income tax.

The two dividends totalling 4.08122p per stock unit will be paid on the 21st March, 1978 to stockholders on the register at the close of business on the 10th February, 1978. The interim dividend paid on the 28th March, 1977 of 3.5p per stock unit on £39,608,726 Ordinary Capital Stock cost £1,386,305. The capital of the Association has been increased by the issue of £804,392 Ordinary Capital Stock mainly to holders of the Convertible Unsecured Loan Stocks who exercised their conversion which is Convertible Unsecured.

Once again the Directors cannot emphasise too strongly that the results shown for the half year provide no guidance concerning the probable results for the year.

Apart from income from General Investments, which is relatively insignificant, the Association's investment income is derived from dividend instant, the Association's investment income is derived from divisions from Belgian companies, all of which are booked in the second half of the financial year. Present indications are that the Group share of earnings of the Belgian subsidiary companies, together with the Group proportion of UNERG earnings, will, in terms of Belgian francs, be slightly greater than for 1976/77. Stockholders will recall that the dividends in respect of 1976 were converted at an average rate of exchange of B.Frs.62.0 to the £.

The Calor Group's memover was 28.4% up on the first six months of last year. Trading profit increased by 22.0% or £897,000. It included £400,000 profit on the sale of assets on withdrawing from transport operations in Germany. The continuing pressure on margins has been temporarily increased by the cost of converting butane cylinders to the more convenient "Switch-On" system in Great Britain. Depreciation was 31.3% up on the comparable period last year, due to a continuing high level of capital expenditure. However, lower interest rates led to a reduction of 8.0% in financing costs.

Tomage in all Calor gas businesses was up on last year, reflecting the generally cooler weather in the spring and summer. Transport and Engineering Divisions in Great Britain also showed satisfactory improvements. Results of Pro-Sil in the U.S.A. were again disappointing, due to poor harvesting conditions, but plans for the commercial development of an animal feed based upon whey continue to progress.

Although the half-year results are encouraging, the uncerminties over pay negotiations in the fuel and power industries and winter temperatures make it difficult at this stage to forecast the profit of the Calor Group for the full year.

The value of gas and liquids sold from the Hewert Field by Century Power and Light Limited rose by 23%, with trading profits at £576,000, before depreciation and financial charges, increasing by 12%. Seamud Services Limited with a turnover of £266,000 (compared with £333,000) produced a trading loss of £32,000 (profit £70,000).

A335,000) produced a mading loss of £32,000 (product, 7,0,000).

The charge for taxation has been calculated at the provisional rate of 52% but certain losses of overseas subsidiaries in the first half year, largely seasonal, do not give rise to a corresponding tax offset. As previously reported, tax provisions made in the accounts in previous years amounting to approximately £1,400,000 have been released and will be treated in the accounts of this year as a prior years' adjustment. No account has been taken of this in the Consolidated Results for the half year to 30th. September, 1977 now submitted.

Rises Fogarty, E. 6p to 141p Harcros 6p to 60p K Shoes 6p to 49p Spencer Gears 3p to 30p 6p to 254p 3p to 57p 10p to 125p 16p to 144p Adwest Birco Dean Falls

How the markets moved

13p to 832p 41p to 561p 4p to 71p 6p to 90p 8p to 354p 8p to 288p Eracken Mines Capper-Neill CompAir

Harmony 12p to 331p Harmony 4p to 60p Maning Supplies 4p to 64p Metal Box 12p to 290p

Sonities fell back: Fill-edged securities were in

errent.
Dollar premium: 93.5 per cent effective rate 35.45 per cent). Sterling gained 90 pts to \$1.8405. The effective exchange rate index value 45.44.

Finland Mikk France Fr Off Exploration 12p to 310p Pilkington 9p to 483p Racal Elect 8p to 199p Reckitt & Colum 8p to 435p Germany Dm Greece Dr Hongkong S 8.35 1580.00 438.60 4.24 9.55 Hongaous Italy Lr 1633.00 Japan Yu 463.00 Netherlands Gld 4.46 9.91 Smittes Ind 8p to 348p 8p to 546p 4p to 170p 8p to 539p Thorn l inilever Norway Kr Portugal Esc S Africa Rd 79.00 1.85 158.00 152,00 Gold lost \$0.50 an ounce to \$157.625. Sweden Kr Switzerland Fr 4.04 1.88 SDR-S was 1.19901 on Tuesday, while SDR-E was 0.652558. Yugoslavia Dur 37.50 Raics for small denomination notes only, as supplied yesterda Eurologe Bank international Ltd, forest rates apply to travellers' ch-and other foreign currency busines Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1439.9 (previous 1441.9). Reports, pages 20 and 22

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Leyland job losses if output lags

Mr Derek Whittaker, Leyland Cars' managing director, yester-day gave a warning that he would have to reduce the labour force early next year unless productivity improved consider-

John Street in Leyland Cars Mirror, the works newspaper, he said: "There is no way that our current market share, which was 21.7 per cent last month, can be accepted.
"The first six months of 1978 will be absolutely crucial. If we

will be absolutery crucial. If we do nothing during that short space of time to improve production and increase produc-rivity, then the company will reduce in size and jobs will be

Leyland's problems are not tive engineer in charge of engineer in charge of engineering computer services. He vehicles and three million manhours have been lost in the past four months because of strikes in suppliers' plants. Hardly a day has passed when Leyland has not been faced by up to 20 different supplier disputes.

The result is that it is being

forced to preduce large num-

rs of incomplete cars because component shortages. This would have been worse but for alternative supplies. Design centre: Leyland's urg-ently needed new range of cars will be speeded by the most advanced computer-controlled design centre in Europe, which has just been installed at a cost of £250,000.

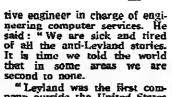
of E250,000.

That is no threat. In fact we are almost past the point of no return already. However, I sense a changing attitude among employees. The majority, I believe, now realize the gravity of our situation."

of E250,000.

It will produce detailed design drawings six times faster and increase accuracy.

The first news of the new installation at Leyland's Cowley plant was given yesterday by Dr Bill Emmerson, the execution.



pany outside the United States to have computer-aided design. That was in the middle 1960s. "With this new centre we are really beginning to reap the dividends of all our early computer design work. In virtually any engineering design process using the right computer techniques is rather like having seven league boots."

The new centre, which produces drawings in minutes instead of hours, came too late to help ADO 88, Leyland's £250m new Mini due for launching in late 1979. But it is already working on ADO 10, 11 and 12, the new medium saloon range which will follow in 1980.



Mr Derek Whittaker: next six

Plea to car unions: 'stop the industry bleeding to death

By Peter Waymark

lotoring Correspondent An urgent appeal to union leaders to help stop the moror industry bleeding to death tirough industrial disputes was made last night by Mr David nciety of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

US-Japan

trade talks

Mrs Juanita Kreps, Commerce

with Juanta Kreps, Commerce Secretary, said Mr Nobuhiko Ushiba, the Japanese Minister of Overseas Economic Affairs, in a meeting with her said that he was "optimistic" that the United States and Japan would

move closer together in their trade talks here.

politely rejected the Japanese proposals for dealing with the

stage in our discussions and so-

we're optimistic that we will move closer together and indeed rise minister made such a

remark in the course of our

Japacese businessmen after the meeting that the United States would like to achiev toriff re-

ductions by Japan faster than

the eight years the Japanese proposed and that America is

The British Overseas Trade

Board which is collaborating

with the National Economic De-

velopment Office in establishing the most fruitful product sectors in which to develop the Government's Industrial strategy, has identified

Specifically

By Derek Harris

Kreps told

Yesterday, the United States

Mr Plastow, who was speaking at the society's annual banquet in London, stressed that the was not "union bashing". this had allowed import penetration to increase to a figure that few would have thought possible a year or two ago. But he criticized the industry's strike record and called for stronger union leadership to deal with unofficial disputes. He said the number of vehi-cles produced in Britain this year had been severely cur-railed by labour disputes and

possible a year or two ago. He told his audience: "Time is running out. If we do not take action now, then some day we will be attending not a banquet for the British motor industry but a memorial service.

The problem was not simply

the number of strikes and dis-putes but the style of behaviour which Britain had adopted on the industrial scene.

While it was not unusual for an American union to use the strike weapon to close a company, once they had made their deal they would go back and work under the terms of the agreement reached.

Optimism on Three groups on pay black list are named

By Our Industrial Editor The Treasury has confirmed the names of three more companies liable to sanctions for alleged breaches of pay policy, but it is still declining to give other names because this "would definitely not be in the best public interest."

The three companies are I. Spencer Engineering, Surrey, Reynolds Tanker Services, of Gloucestershire, and S. trade imbalance between the two countries. Kreps, reiterar-ing that the Japanese proposal falls short of American desires noted that "this is only the first Redfern, of Lancashire. They are among 11 on the blacklist for possible sanctions, such as loss of government contracts and withdrawal of discretionary export credits.

It is stated by the Treasury that these three were in breach of phase two pay guidelines and one was also in breach of phase one guidelines. Of the 11, which include the only pre-viously named concern, James Mackie, of Northern Ireland, five are said to have breached both phases one and two of current pay policy, five in breach of phase two, and one interested particularly in eliminating quotas by the Japanese. in breach of phase three.
The Government's stand

Most fruitful areas for growth named

Three main categories on which improved much more than with Pritish companies could concentrate in trying to increase ex-

purts to Western Europe. They chairman, gave a warning of

machine tools and clothing.

This emerged yesterday when

the board's annual report poin-

ted out that if trade with oil-

producing coupries were ex-cluded the United Kingdom's

trading performance in manufactured goods with Western

Europe had since January 1973

instruments, the need for more industrial hard-currency pound.

Mitchell Cotts

Profit before Interest and

Dividends per Ordinary Share

Earnings per Ordinary Share

Profit Contribution

By Territories

United Kingdom

Southern Africa

& Australasia

East and Central Africa

Europe, N. & S. America

Profit before Taxation

Funds Employed

Proposed Final—

Total for the year—

Dividend Cover

Taxation

Interim---

against publishing names of companies liable to administrative action in the form of pay sanctions is based on the hope that they can be persuaded to renegotiate excessive settle

While it is difficult to judge the effectiveness of the Govern-ment's willingness to invoke sanctions, there is no doubt that managements are becoming conscious of the threat of them. Recently, for example, workers at the British Petroleum refinery at Grangemouth were told that a pay claim had to line up with government criteria owing to their involvement of capital grants up to £13.5m " on

present project work. Not long ago management of government-sided Triang Pedigree concern rejected a claim as well above Whitehall criteria and put forward a counter offer, which was reiected. Compromise proposals have been apparently put for-word, but the Triang management is in a difficult position, given its considerable involvement with the Department of

investment because it was now

vital to sell exports on design, quality and reliability and not

The trade savings represented by North Sea oil were a great

help bur since these amounted to only 5 per cent of the value

of exports it was essential to

keep the export curve rising. Sir Frederick also gave a warning against too-high wage

awards that could swamp a

1976/7 RESULTS

tightens its

Procedures for the purchase of production material for press advertisements are being tightened by the Central Office of Information in an attempt to reduce costs. The office, which handles most of the Govern-ment's advertising and is prob ably Britain's biggest advertiser will concentrate practically all of the 60 or more formerly

agencies, some of which work for the office, had received bribes from blockmakers, were the possibility that suppliers' discounts might not always be passed on by agencies.

The office, through a working party which included repre-

It says the new method of purchasing has been set up as a result of this working party's recommendations and has no connexion with the police investigation.

But the new scheme, to be introduced in January, enables a volume discount to be negotisted direct by the office with the production companies instead of through sub-contracts ubout £17m on advertising dur-ing 1977-78.

Whitehall advertising

By Patricla Tisdall ts work through nine approved companies instruct

Letters listing the production houses concerned are going out to the 18 London-based adveragencies used by the

A year ago allegations that investigated by Scotland Yard. While no charges were laid, the investigation drew attention to

sentatives of the Stationery Office and the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising, had been studying production work for press advertising since 1974.

1976

£9,544,000

0.656 p

2.670 p

3.326 p

7.22 p

14

16

(11)

100

2.15 times

16

68

20

(4)

100

£15,366,000 £12,536,000

£80,177,000 £73,051,000

£11,669,000

0.656 p

2.744 p

3.400 p

8.03 p

2.31 times

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

construction | A national plan for industry by compromise?

From Dr A. J. Berry

Sir, The central paradox of national economic planning is that a theory of planning would require goals to be established whereas the reality of politics is that goals are the stuff of debate and conflict. To ask, as Mr Warren (December 7) does, political parties of the left and right to agree on national goals right to agree on national goals for economic activity is to ask them to deny their political identity.

to relieve the gloom.

The advent of Selson poli-cies and the Tury government of 1970-74 ensured that task of

national planning was limited in its scope. The two elections of 1974 brought a Labour govern-ment which through its sec-

toral planning exercise (the so-called industrial strategy)

demonstrated that some real

making. It has been argued that even

if national planting were designable it is not possible because

nobody knows enough about

the economy to construct a plan and nobody knows how

suitably to articulate its imple-

But the most serious problem is that much of the

language of planning is couched in terms of goals or

objectives and coordination of

programmes to achieve them. However, the key issue for our country and its industries is planning for turbulence, that is

the problem of adeptation.
This letter thought could well be the basis for a logical justification of a market economy

in that decision making is distri-buted widely in an open

Thus it becomes observable that the left-wing theory of planning is of the former kind,

while the right-wing theory of planning is of the latter kind.

What is clear is that there is

no consensus and given the

political values of the two major parties there is little possibility of a consensus. There

might, however, be an agree-ment to manage half the

economy on one theory and the

other half on another theory. But that would be compromise,

Manchester Business School, 24 Levileid Road,

From Mr R. S. Musgrave

Sir, Mr Warren, the Oxford

lecturer in geography, who ventures into economics in

your columns (December 7) is as uninspiring as academics usually are, when outside their

own subjects. His advocacy of economic planning merely begs a whole reage of questions

which any moderately wellinformed non-academic knows

to plague the whole planning

versus free market argument.

1 If planning is better than the free market, why are the market economies years ahead

of the planned ones and why

are the former able to lend the latter the money with which

2 Why are the planned econo-

mies catching up so slowly, if at all? Copying should be easy compared with innovating.

3 The way in which technology

advances is unpredictable, as are the consumers tastes, and

as are the origin of many raw materials, namely geological dis-

coveries. Thus surely economic plans must be so tentative as barely to constitute plans.

. That industries in a planned

to attempt to catch up?

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aconomy.

not consensus.

A. J. BERRY.

December 7.

Disley. Chashire SV12 2JF.

cautious optimism, echoing brighter prospects for the econ-omy as a whole Since Mr Selwyn Lloyd founded the NEDC in 1961 national planning has been a central issue in political management. The foundation of the NEDC kept the issue between Correspond to the the series of t omy as a whole.

The committee believes that the worst of the recession occurred this year, for which new construction output was forecast to decline by 10 per cent compared with 1976. Next year an upturn of 2 per cent is predicted and a further improvement of 3 per cent is expected for 1979.

Although the industry as a Government, industry and the unions. The Labour Government of 1964 saw the establishment of the DEA with one explicit pur-pose being to take the problem of national economic planning inside government. The subsequent fiasco of the national plan was as much caused by a genuine difficulty in the task of genuine difficulty in the task of planning as by a political need to rush it all through by the 1966 election. The subsequent unhappy history of the plan and indeed both its sponsor and the DEA were a measure of the disenchantment which followed. Even the publication of The Task Ahead in 1968 did little to relieve the gloom.

expected for 1979.

Although the industry as a whole appears to be turning the corner, improvement is expected to be patchy with some sectors remaining depressed. The committee welcomes the recent government package, £400m for the industry next year and a further £181m in 1979. But it says that the public sector still offers the worse prospects, even if the whole of the amounts allocated is spent, which appears doubtful.

Slight upturn

ing from its prolonged recession

according to forecasts for the

After a series of pessimistic

reports, the joint forecasting

committee for the building and

civil engineering economic de-

velopment committees (Little Neddies) sounds a note of

industry published today.

forecast for

industry

Average yearly output for the public sector, excluding house-huilding, in the next two years is likely to be 28 per cent lower than the average for the years 1970 to 1976. In all three years, declines in the level of public housebuilding are also forecast. In the private sector, moderate increases in output are expected in 1978 and 1979, after a fall this year.

Prospects for the private industrial sector are bright. After a modest increase this year, output is expected to rise more strongly in 1978, with a further but moderate increase in 1979. Output for the private commer cial sector is expected this year to he down on last year, but again the outlook for 1978 and 1979 is good.

In repairs and maintenance, too, output is expected to in-crease both this year and next-Already, this sector accounts for more than a third of all onstruction output.

The forecasts reflect the industry's slowly growing confidence, although they will conrnce, although they will con-firm the expectations of the civil engineers who will not share in the general, if small, revival. Recent surveys suggest that even were more money made available for civil enginearing—and it seems that about £100m of the £181m earmarked for 1979 will go to housing-projects are not ready to go ahead.

Aid plea to Mr Shore: The National House-Building Coun-cil has urged Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environ ment, to ensure that part of the £400m package for the construction industry goes into the pri-

vete housing sector.

Mr Andrew Tait, directorgeneral of the council, says in
a letter to the minister that this could be done by the provision of sewers and other infrastruc-ture, such as roads. This, he savs, would not only help poten-tial home-buyers in 1978 and

EEC rejects Benn view of coal stocks

From Michael Hornsby,
Brussels, Dec 14
Mr Wedgwood Benn, the
Secretary of State for Energy,
described himself as "bitterly
disappointed" here today by
the failure of EEC energy
ministers to approve proposals
for the financing of coal stockpiles and encouraging the use
of coal instead of oil in power
stations.

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More than 30 per cent of all investment in the coal industry in the EEC was British, Mr Benn said and Britain accounted for half of Community production. production.

The European Commission

The European Commission had proposed spending about 165m over three years to encourage the use of coal in power stations. At present only 23 per cent of EEC power stations are coal-fired, and o fithe \$2 new units expected to come on stream between now and 1985 only 15 will use coal, whereas 60 will burn oil or gas.

The Commission had also proposed that the stocking of up to 20 million tonnes of EEC-produced coal should be partly financed out of the budget of the European Coal and Steel Community. The aim would be to reduce the risk of pit closures during periods of cyclical down-

during periods of cyclical down-turn in demand.

The proposals are part of a wider-ranging programme to reduce the EEC's dependence

reduce the EEC's dependence on imported energy.
Only Britain and Germany, however, have a real interest in the coal proopsals. Most other member states rely on imported coal, which is generally cheaper than British or German, and are not prepared to agree to any more to encury. to agree to any more to encour-age coal use in power stations unless it also applies to im-

unless it also applies to imported coal.

Attempts by Dr Guido Brunner, the EEC Commissioner for Energy, to get member states to agree to production and consumption targets for different kinds of energy for the year 1985 also ran into difficulties.

Mr Benn made clear British dislike of a policy based on precise targets, which he said introduced an unnecessary element of rigidity. Such targets were in any case notoriously were in any case notoriously unreliable. Forecasts of installed nuclear capacity in the EEC by 1985, for example, had fallen by half in the last four

economy will "dovetsil", to use Mr Warren's favourize phrase, is an appealing idea. Obviously if planners are omnis-

cient beings, rather than human beings, they will. But the evidence is, if anything that industries dovetail less well in planned economies than in market economies. In planned economies there is a greater tendency than in mar-ket economies for industries to produce goods that neither other industries nor the con-sumer wants; industries to fail to deliver what other industries want (particularly spare parts); and investment projects to be abandoned half way to completion.

5 Are the planned economies planned? I suspect that Gosplan in Russia is partially a facade—in contrast to George Brown's economic plan or the current Government's Industrial Strategy and planning agree-ments, which are nine-tenthe facade. When say a brass bolt factory is expanded in Russia, this is quite likely to be because the factory manager has found himself swamped with unplanned orders for brass boits; or are we to believe that the Gosplan bureaucrats calculate the number of brass body required by the entire bolts required by the entire Russian economy years in advance?

Yours faithfully, R. S. MUSGRAVE, 24 Garden Avenue, Framwellgate Moor, Durham DH1 5EQ,

Doing business with the Chinese

From Dr M. T. C. Fang ·Sir,· In your article " Learning how to do business with the Chinese" (December 5), I was most surprised at the main advice given: that "the full nechoical description and technology of the goods should be sent in English".

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sent in English."

Since, in my estimation, there are still very few people in China with the ability to understand technical and scientific English (and more especially so in the case of advanced technology for which no dictionaries are available), the full significance of the literature may not be immediately clear to the corporation concerned.

This could, in part, explain why "the process, judging by past experience, could equally take several years".

It could therefore be a considerable advantage to British exporters if technical specifications were translated into correct Chinese (unlike a translation for one of the nationalized corporations which was riddled with such elementary errors as numbers and units being incorrectly translated). rectly translated).

I would therefore recommend

that British firms seeking success in exporting to China should place greater importance in providing, if possible good, accurate translations of their literature to the Chinese, Yours faithfully, M. T. C. FANG, 3 Hornby Lane, Liverpool L18 3HH.

Transport management

ides of planning agreements, now seemingly in a very low test indeed, were designed to link together the issue of corporate level decision making and national level decision Development Office report, Trading with Europe: Through Transport and the Total Export Concept, contains—as the com-ments of your Transport Correspondent on November 29 amply bear out—strong warnings and recommendations which all industrial and commercial users of transport would be ill-advised to ignore.

would be ill-advised to ignore. The significance and importance of transport to the life of the community and to our economic well-being as a nation must surely need little emphasis today—or so one would think. The figure of £1,000m per annum in unnecessary costs will shock many but not, I suggest, those who have long and consistently recognized the problems and bave advocated some of the "remedies" put forward in the report. report.
In far too many instances the transport function has been regarded as an unfortunate.

From the Director General, The Chartered Institute of Transport

Sir, The National Economic Development Office report, Trading with Europe: Through Transport and the Total Export Concept, coosains—es the comeducation and training leading to a thoroughly professional understanding approach and improved management performance where transport activity is concerned. A further require-ment, of equal impowance and demanding equally strong sup-port, is that transport management (I stress "manage-ment") must be upgraded and represented largely in its own-right, in the higher levels of industry. Until this is accepted and acted open damaging costs, identified in the report, will I am, Sir, Your obedient servent,

D. N. LOCKE, Director-General: The Chartered Institute of 80 Portiand Place. London WIN 4DP.

EEC directive to agents

(Conservative) Sor In his letter in your issue which contains strong criticism of December 2, Mr. Certer, of some of the provisions of writing as secretary of the the draft directive, was published.

On the Law Commission?

ion, says: the legal arrays commis-tee of the European Parlis-tive (relating to self-employed commercial agants) subject to a number of amendments which it recommends should be discussed between the com-mission and the member

He is in fact under a missporcheusion as to the status of the matter in thist committee.

The committee had received a House of Commons, draft report and ambarked on Lendon SWIA OAA.

From Sir Derek Walker-Smith, discussion of it, approving cerfor Hertfordshire East valu paragraphs, when the servative? report of the Law Commission, On the Law Commission.

report being brought to the strention of the committee it.

Was agreed to defer further discussion of the directive to enable consideration to be given to the points made in the Law Commission's report. It is therefore premature to attribute any final position to the committee on this matter at this time.

Your Obedient Servant.

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DEREK WALKER-SMITH,

MAJEDIE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

At the Skry Skrh Annual General Meeting held in London on 13th December 1977 Mr. T. B. Barlow, the Chairman, made the following points when he reported to

Our Company has again increased its profit significantly from £148,374 to £204,704 but unfortunately this cannot be passed on to shareholders until dividend control is lifted. The dividend this year therefore has been increased by the maximum allowed to .67852p per 10p share costing £95,000. Our Revenue Reserve has increased by £247,000 and now stands at £1.867,000.

During the year there was a general improvement in marker conditions, which together with our investment policies has resulted in the Company's assets now being it worth more than £7 million.

Since the 30th September the stock market has not to been so buoyant and present indications are as always in uncertain; even so as stated in the report we face the te

The Report and Accounts were unanimously adopted

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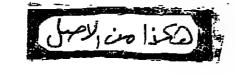
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Improving earnings quality at ICL

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

ICL is looking unstoppable at the moment. On the back of virtually no price increase its profits were up 31 per cent to £30.3m in the year to end September and sales were up 45 per cent to £419m. While part of the growth has come from the acquisition of singer Business Machines, the underlying improvement is about 20 per cent, some 5 per cent better than the computer industry as a whole. The Singer interests, meanwhile, were ahead by about a third in turnover

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. Since the profits dip of 1972 ICL has thus accumulated an enviable profit record. The order book is apparently even longer than it was a year ago, and the only question is why the shares are still showing some scepticism, selling as they do on a price earnings ratio of only 4 at 214p and yielding 54 per cent on a dividend which is more than ive times covered.

It is true that there is always something of a gamble on the next model range being right and on the rental side of the business not suddenly running into problems of obsolescence. But for ICL the former of these problems is still a long way away and the group's continued ability to sell its older 1900 range suggests that the latter is no narticular worry either—especially since ICL reckons to recover the cost of its rental equipment over about 22 months. Clearly as the proportion of rental and maintenance/ ervice business builds up-it accounted for 18 per cent of turnover last year—the stream of deferred income and thus the quality of earnings builds up as well.

ICL's only real problem at the moment then, given that there is no sign of a let up in orders, is capacity to produce. Perhaps 20m of turnover was lost through industrial lisruption last year and the marginal profit this level is high. But ICL is in a comfortble position to finance both a bigger rental usiness and a higher level of capital investent to expand capacity. Borrowings were own last year and some £9.4m of deferred Lix has been taken into reserves so the searing ratios will show a significant improvement in the balance sheet.

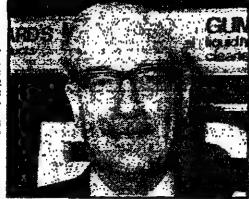
LRC International

An income-boosting rights issue

ncreasing doubts about LRC International's sture growth prospects were hardly allayed esterday, firstly by the mere 9.7 per cent acrease in first half pre-tax profits to 4.13m and declining trading margins and secondly by comparison with Smith &

Nephew's strong performance.

LRC is still saddled with persistent loss making areas and has been caught the consumer spending downswing. While it is strong in contraceptives, it is fairly small in comperison with its competitors in other



Sir Edward Howard. chairman of LRC

markets and the volume growth in the United Kingdom soap market appears to have been acquired at some cost.

The one-for-one rights issue at par (10p) raise £4.3m is not that reassurin geither. Raising that sum of money is not going to transform the balance sheet, which ashowed borrowings of £15.5m in late November. Although much stress is laid on the capital expenditure programme of £5.3m, the rights seems more destined to ease the burden of working costs. In addition the capital projects under way are not of the sort that will radically change earnings.

effective 30 per cent dividend increase to 3.38p a share gross, which at an ex-rights price of 431p provides a useful 7.8 per cent yield, while the shares are selling at a little short of 10 times prospective earnings.

Last year's profit increase was largely a continuation of the recovery from the nadir reached in 1975 helped by favourable currency rates. The recovery has been worked through, growth is now apparently difficult and currency movements are going the wrong way, which does not leave much potential for the shares except on income

 After reeling from a singularly depressed time over the past year as low demand and trialding costs rising some two and a half times faster than selling prices have cut profits to the quick, most housebuilders have been almost exuding confidence about the outlook for the next year or so.

For them the latest Construction Fore-casts for 1977-79 from the Building and Civil Engineering Little Neddies will come as something of a dampener. While the "unrelieved pessimism" of the past couple of years may be over, the outlook for housing starts over the next two pears has been revised downwards since the last forecasts

The brunt of this will be borne by the public sector where starts this year will be around a fifth lower than last at 133,000 and this will drop to 125,000 over the following two years, so the big construction groups like Wimpey and Laing who have a sizable commitment to public housing can probably write off the next couple of years as a nogrowth period.

Private housing starts look slightly better with an 18,000 drop this year to 137,000 being made in 1978, but a further fall to being made in 1978, but a further fall to 150,00 is expected the next year, which is not quite the picture being read into the latest figures on likely building society

For private housebuilders, like Barrat Developments, Fairview Estates and Orme Developments, however, the key to profits lies not so much in demand as getting their margins right. While labour costs may kick pj in 1978, margins are all the same improv-ing and with the benefit of lower interest rates pre-tax profits could still rise by a

Smith & Nephew

A new growth

Smith & Nephew may be throwing off its stodgy image. The figures for the 40 weeks up to October 8 show a consistently strong and rising profits trend. At £14.1m profits before exchange losses £500,000 are up 30 per cent on the same period last year, while sales are up by 18 per cent at £129.5m. A continuation of the trend could produce profits for the year in excess of £17m. compared with £15.3m for 1976, and adventurous analysts are forecasting more than £20m for 1978.

The optimism is based on firm all round results. About 47 per cent of the group's profits come from exports and sales overseas subsidiaries. Better than expected consumer demand boosted the performance of the personal bygiene and cosmetics divisions, and profit margins in the medical products division which accounts for about half of sales, are above average for the group. Textiles are also growing strongly, capacity for denim production having been increased at the request of Bluebell, the main customer.

Perhaps the best news is that the Gala debacle is definitely a thing of the past. The group says that the return on capital employed in the United States is more than the cost of money, and that it hopes to break even or do a bit better in 1979.

If not, S & N will probably pull out, at only a modest loss. If that turnaround is achieved, and if consumer spending builds up as anticipated next year the breakout fromt he dull profit performance should be duly reflected in the shares. At 64p, where the shares sell at more than 10 times earnings, Smith & Nephew could finally have established itself as a growth prospect.

Patricia Tisdall

King size changes in the cigarette market

Cigarette menufacturers face, radical changes in their sales "mix" with the final phasing in of the EEC tax structure, due to take effect from the begin-ning of next month.

As a result of the changeover, As a result of the changeover, from a tax based on the weight of tobacco to a system related to the value of the end product, king size cigaretres, traditionally regarded as an occasional luxury by most British smokers are likely to take over the lion's share of the market.

More important from the manufacturers' point of view is that smokers are showing every sign of discarding old loyalties and switching to new brands at the same time as making the change to bigger cigarertes. Such developments have farmed the insultantant in the same time of the change to bigger cigarertes.

reaching implications in the British market for established manufacturers, particularly Imperial Tobacco, whose sales used to account for two thirds of the total, as well as presenting opportunities for smaler firms like Gellaher and Carreras Rothmans and aspiring newcomers to this market like Brinish American Tobacco and Philip Movis.

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Already, the first phase of tax harmonization, introduced in May, 1976, has brought the share of sales held by king size rejearettes up from under 10 per cent to nearly 30 per cent. When the tax adjustment comes fully into operation the expectation is that this category's share of sales will increase to into the king size sector. Imperial's tactics only partially succeeded. The 15 per cent stake in the king size sector. Imperial's tactics only partially succeeded. The 15 per cent stake in the king size sector. Imperial's tactics only partially succeeded. The 15 per cent stake in the king size sector. Imperial's tactics only partially succeeded. The 15 per cent stake in the king size sector. Imperial's tactics only partially succeeded. The 15 per cent stake in the king size sector.

that Mr Malcolm Fraser has regained office with a thump-ing majority he has to put be-had him the suphoria of vic-

Labour was not so communit-ted, so the post-election uranum

between 79 and 80 per cent within five years. The speed of the switch, as the exenus of the last 18 months have proved conclusively, de-pends on price. If applied evenly by the manufacturers across the five main sizes of cigarette, the new method of tax collection would in theory mean a 10 per cent reduction in the retail price of king size cigarettes and an equivalent

increase in the price of the smaller sized varieties. The hisperical 20 to 30 per cent price gap created by the old structure, where tax (which accounts for 75 per cent of the retail price) is related to weight of tobacco, would dwardle to vanishing point.

The erosion of the price gap naturally encourages smokers to the price gap naturally encourages smokers to the price gap naturally encourages smokers to the price gap.

naturally encourages smokers to opt for the larger size of cigarette. But the change could be accelerated by a repeat of the price war which followed the first phase of the tax change. This was triggered by a bid by Imperial to buy its way into the king size sector.

cent of sales in this sector of the market held by Gallaher's Benson & Hedges brand and more than 15 per cent for Roth-mans King Size.

For competitive reasons, the cigarette producers, who want to avoid another price war, are reticent about their price plans after January 1. However, Gal-laher has publicly declared its hand in stating that the recommended price of this product will remain the same under the

The other producers have indicated that they will follow. An inevitable consequence of the price war has been a drop in profit margins on bigger cigarettes. Were profit margins on king size cigarettes to be restored to the level achieved before 1976, it is estimated that the present recommended price would be 62.5p a packet rather than the prevailing 55p. Recommended price lists are,

of course, only a rough guide to prices actually charged. As the recent price war showed, manufacturers are prepared to drop well below them. However, one of the features of the new tax system is that this method of price cutting will become

The impact on each manu-

according to the share of its output. The majority of Gallaher Carreras Rothmans sales are of king size cigarettes, whereas Imperial's strength has always lain in the smaller categories. Consequently Gallaher

and Rothmans have more to lose than Imperial by discount-Apart from acting as some-thing of a disincentive to long-

term discounring, the multiplier effect of the new tax system, which takes the ad valorem element up from a present level of 22 per cent to 30 per cent, encourages manufacturers to keep production costs down.

quickly than was expected, has per cent. his Imperial hardest. More than 80 per cent of the com-pany's cigarettes before 1976

All these changes have taken place against a background of overall declining sales. As stockbrokers Wood Mackenzie point out, unit sales of cigar-ettes have been declining steadily ever since swingeing the spring budget of 1974.

ments with the announcement some weeks ago of huge over-

three years there were decreases of 0.3 per cent, 3.2 per cent and 1.5 per cent. For 1977, an even greater dip of between 4 per

cent and 5 per cent is expected. The manufacturers attribute the decline to straightforward consumer resistance to higher rax imposed prices, but undoubtedly grgeater awareness of health hazards has also played

A trend to low tar smoking as well as the switch to king size cigarettes is working to Imperial's disadvantage. Wood Mackenzie in a recent review estimate that the group's of overall sales has already declined from 66 per cent to Cigarette coupons have almost 61 per cent and they forecast disappeared. Their demise, a further decline during the which occurred much more next two years to, at best, 57

The only benefit to Imperial of the new tax system is that it releases funds formerly tied binding a smoker to a particular brand.

Today, they are included with less than 15 per cent of the group's total.

All shows in mancing duty. The partial change in the system has already released Imperial £30m and a further once-and-for-all gain of £100m will be made from January.

The other contents of the group's total.

facturers will also receive gains equivalent to the size of their output. The traditional industry able to fight incoming competition or to help, if its choice lies in this direction, to diversify into other possible less turbu-

Mr Fraser-after the triumph the tribulations

Douglas Aiton discusses economic prospects for the Australians in 1978

tory and face up to the sober-ing prospect that within months he is going to be unpopular with the electorate. Not that be is unaware of this—the reason for calling an Australia. On the one hand they are being forced to revalue the year against the dollar, thereby unscheduled election was to secure office before bad times increasing the cost of their exports and reducing their com-petitiveness. On the other, they are facing increasing artificial reatened his government. He has now grasped three years of uninterrupted power, but will-have to bear the brunt of an

Japan has dangerously large inventories of finished goods in. The immediate reaction to Mr Fraser's reelection has been a minor boom on the stock exchange, with particular emphasis on those compenses associated with uranium. Mr both domestic and oversess warehouses. Adjusting to a downtrain export sales will adversely affect its economic growth, with a consequent reduction in demand for Aus-Fraser has committed Austria to the mining and export of uranium, with the now almost legendary " safeguards" being

tralian resources. Even if Japan and the rest of the world were pursuing the modest growth projections of a few months ego, Australia's balance of payments is such that despite protectionist measures it depends on a con-stant and fairly large flow on capital account. In the short run this can be meintained by efficial borrowings, but some solid resumption of private capital inflow will be required

ted, so the post-election transmit boom is hardly surprising.

There is no doubt that the Australian Labour Party, generally, is not trusted by the business community. Although efforts were made during the Whitlam regime to bridge the gap, the economy fell apart so disastrously that it will be a long time, if ever, before the stock archanges react to a Labour government with any-thing but suspicion. Given a healthy growing one particular advantage for Mr Fraser, with the people so solidly disenchanted with the Lebour Party, is that his gov-ernment will now be able to economy Labour might be tolerated, but the business community wants a Liberal government, to stimulate enthucontemplate economic policy as a reacoption. This was not possible government, to stimulate enthusiasm and confidence. The Liberals are regarded as being tough and employing tactics that will in the long run work, whereas Labour is regarded as being soft on inflation, unsympathetic to the problems of high business, districtful of foreign even during the nearly 20 years of Menzies government.

of Menzies government, because that regime, zithough operating in stable times, did not achieve the authority in ectoral terms of the pres Fraser Government. Exactly what any longer term plans would involve is not yet clear, but m doubt the attempt to reduce inflation at

So the stock exchanges of Australia are pleased, but it will not be long before the country has to face up to the first of the economic problems, the balance of payments. Almost raising unemployment will now be continued. There is no doubt that the 1975-1977 Fraser Government was achieving marked success; in bringing down inflation, although the extravaevery report from authoritative analysts of national and international economic trends contains a downward adjustment of gant election campaign claim of having halved it, from 18 per cent to 9, was difficult to justic. previous predictions. There is also no doubt that unemployment, which became serious during the Whitlam years, worsened during the

For Australia one country looms largest of all in the balance of trade—Japan. The Japanese are encountering severe economic difficulties which will inevitably affect

present there is nothing to sug-gest that it will not continue to deteriorate. It was originally expected, in fact, that the election would be fought on Mr unemployment, but in the end it was shown that the electorate did not necessarily admire Labour's performance in that

So unemoloyment remains the greatest immediate prob-

The full impact of the balance of payments problem is difficult to assess. Figures just released show that Australia's because of payments deficit for November was an overall A\$70m (about \$43m), compared with a A\$63m surplus in Octo-ber and a A\$46m deficit in There is no doubt that the

returnent has not received the favourable response it ex-pected in the balance of pay-

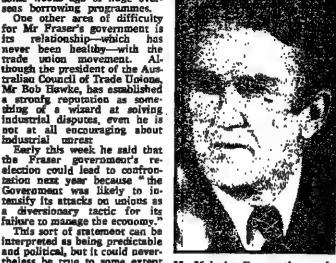
trade union movement. Al-though the president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Mr Bob Hawke, has established a strong reputation as some-thing of a wizard at solving industrial disputes, even he is not at all encouraging about industrial mrest

Kerly this week he said that
the Fraser government's reelection could lead to confron-

tation next year because "the Government was likely to intensify its attacks on unious as a diversionary tactic for its failure to manage the economy." This sort of statement can be interpreted as being predictable and political, but it could never-theless be true to some extent in the scuse that the Frased style is not the sort of conservative government to which the union movement could be

expected to respond, especially when leglislation directed at preventing strikes has been Growing balance of payments difficulties, inflation still run-

ning at more than 10 per cent



Mr Malcolm Fraser, the newly reelected Prime Minister: be faces problems on several

and industrial uncertainty are bad enough, but unemployment per cent, and going up, will the biggest problem now



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The Annual Report will be posted to skareholders on 10 January 1978 and the Annual General Meeting will be i nal General Meesing will be held in ann on 9 February 1978,

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Business Diary: Meany once more • Norland's Alcoa formed a History of Advertising Trust, which is being regis-tered as a foundation with charitable status. The trust will

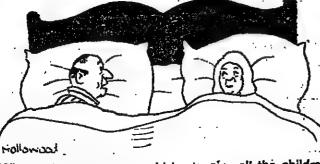
George Meany is fit and well. His voice is strong and his power undiminished. At 83 the president of the 13.7 millionmember AFL-CIO trade union organization has just been voted another two-year term of office and an handsome pay rise. The almost 1,000 delegates to the AFL-CIO's "constitutional' convention" in Los Angeles de-

cided unanimously to increase their president's annual pay by \$20,000 (£10,900) to \$100,000 (54,300); but the delegates also remembered the heir pparent, the exceptionally ras been George Meany's assistout for longer than he cares to recall. Kirkland's pay has been increased from \$60,000 increased from \$60,000 (£32,600) to \$90,000 (£48,900)

Kirkland spent 14 years as corge Meany's executive assist-" and has been the organization's secretary-treasurer since

He was loudly cheered when he was reelected unopposed once again to the AFL-CIO's number two post. But, not surprisingly, the loudest cheers of all in the week-long meeting were from the members of phymbers union, local number wo" of New York-for George

Alcoa of Great Britain, the United Kingdom arm of the rany, is in the throes of a top nanagement, shake-up which will result on January 1 in the arrival of a new chairman, managing director, financial director and head of its largest



skate board tokens."

Norland, who succeeds Dr study committee of the Inter-

His managing director is to be an American, 46-year-old Frank Townsend, an Alcoa man for 22 years, who is to take up his first foreign posting for the company. He is at present market manager of alumina and chemicals in Alcoa's headquarters in Pittsburgh and is to take over in the United King-dom from Ward Stewart, who has become European regional

competitors, Kaiser and Alcan, Alcoa does not operate an aluminium - smelter - in- the

from the Dutch subsidiery. William Wyatt, formerly con-troller at an Alcoa plant in the United States, who replaces John Hickman, now appointed financial manager for Alcoa

nificant change in company policy, although a spokesman said they wanted Alcoa GB to grow—"and this means outcompeting anyone."

Having introduced early re-tirement for his top executives, Edgar Bowring, chalaman of the

practising what he preaches.

He is to bow out at the not so ripe old age of 62—three years before the group's mandatory retirement age—because he says: "It is good for promo-

of another cousin, Ian Skimming, will remain a non-executive director of Bowring's and says he is also "open to offers "

Advertising brings to mind the cobbler's children who went without shoes, in that it has no central system for publicizing its history. Even in America, which tends to revere

forgotten. All this will be changed if a bunch of British advertising industry devotees organized by David Dunbar, director of

Decanter magazine organized a "blind tasting" yesterday to see if experienced whisky drinkers could distinguish standard blends from the much more expensive de luxe varie

collate material to explain how

came to be planned and written and what results they achieved.

A £100,000 appeal will shortly be made to the industry. There ere plans for an exhi-

bition and the search for premises is on. The first issue

of a regular journal has been

published this week and more patrons, the latest being Lord

Thomson of Monifieth, chair man of the Advertising

signed up.

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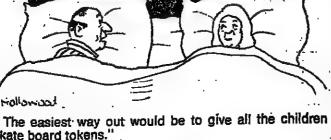
Of the distillers' representatives present only one matched Business Diary's score which, at eight out of 12, was the best of the day. Only four people, for example, identified Chivas Regal as a de luxe blend.

Next, it is suggested, the panel should try to pick out the products of the Japanese distilleries, which have been built in the shadow of Mount Fuji as copies of Scottish originals with the aid of thousands of "tourists" photographs. It may, the distillers' men said hopefully, prove

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- New industrial portfolio to be created on existing Group sites.



remain an executive director of Hambros Bank and plans to devote about a third of his time to Alcoa.

Robert Berry, has wide experience in the shipping industry and is chairman of the finance national Maritime Industries

Unlike its North American

Norland, whose appointment United Kingdom, but it has a was announced in Business big rolling mill in Swansea and Diary in July. Norland is to a big recycling plant in Buckingbig rolling mill in Swansea and a big recycling plant in Bucking-hanshire. The head of the Swansea operation is to be Paul Griswold, who has 30 years' service with Alcoa and comes to the United Kingdom The new finance man is

> Europe. Alcoa, normally a company which shuns publicity, was reluctant vesterday to herald the reshuffle as marking a sig-

traders C. T. Bowring, is now

In this case it is particularly good for promoting another Bowring, cousin Peter, who is 54 and has been deputy chairman since Edgar took the chair in 1973. As well as taking over the group chairmanship Peter Bowring will also become chairman of the group's banking erm, Bownaker. Ivor Binney will step up to

succeed Edgar Bowring as chairman of C. T. Bowring (Insurance) Holdings.

Edgar Bowring, who took over the chair on the sudden death

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Prices tumble on fears of trade deficit

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A sudden bout of nerves over today's trade figures sent shares prices tumbling to their lowest level of the month-

Monday's confident talk of another surplus was quickly replaced by fears that the November figures may produce a visible deficit. This, combined with a Nedo report forecasting little or no improvement in the level of industrial investment in the coming months, was enough to prompt light selling and the FT Index closed 7.5 off at 476.9, its low point of the day.

Tea grup James Finlay, where John Source has nearly 30 per cent, met with a flurry of interest and rose 12p to 290p. But the main spur is the latest rise in the price of tea. On this count alone the share is a brokers' javourite at present.

Dealers said selling pressure was not great but there was also some concern over the apparent rejection by a majority of firemen of the latest

pay formula.

Gilts were also a nervous market ahead of the trade figures with long maturity losing all of Monday's full point gains as profits were taken. At the shorter end of the range prices dipped by amounts ranging up to three eighths of a points.

Among the big-name industrial issues Beecham turned in another firm performance dip another firm performance clos-ing just 2p lower at 665p. But Lucas dipped 3p to 269p after the chairman had commented on the possible impact of the recent toolmakers' strike on investment plans, while a warn-ing on profits lowered Smiths Industries 11p to 155p.

went against the trend with a rise of 6p to 214p after a higher dividend, profits in line with market estimates and a builting of the line with market estimates and a builting of the line with market estimates and a builting of the line with market estimates and a builting of the line with line with market estimates and a builting of the line with line w statement. The likelihood of this was predicted here some weeks ago. But Thorn continued to be sold nervously ahead of next month's figures, losing 8p to 348p, while Racal also came

Hopes of takeover news lifted G. Dew no less than 16p to

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City of Dublin (F) —(—)
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imp Cont Gas (I) 55.9(43.7)

Moorgate Inv (I) —(—)

NMC Inv (I) —(—)

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Nth Krit Steel (F) 8.7(7.7)
Saint Piran (I) 7.1(5.9)
Serck (F) 78.4(67.9)
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South Crofty (I) 4.1(2.8)
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Venterpost (F) -(-)
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West Drief (F) — (—)
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In the electrical sector ICL 144p with others to attract sup-Glealivet were suspended at 460p and LRC eased 21p to 76 p after profits which were accompanied by a 54m-plus rights issue.

Perhaps the most volatile counter was Assam Frontier which dipped to 290p on fading under pressure losing 8p to

Latest results

Earnings

—(—) 3.29(3.61)

-(-) 3-33(2.26) 17.8(14-3)

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Tin boom

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4,14(3.88)

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market trend losing 12p to 290p. while Serck dipped 5p to 93p

after 2 warning on profits.

Comment was good for a risc bid hopes before fresh support lifted the shares to 310p, a net loss over the session of 50.

Comment was good for a rise of 2p to 101p in Talbex while another to see some support

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which closed 3n better at 140p. better times next year. This After receiving a full quotation time most of the interest H. Sykes opened at 1965 and centred on Royco, up 21p to
301p, and Rush & Tompkins
which gained 3p to 94p.

Among the industrial leaders
Metal Box succumbed to the
figures soon, held steady at

> One or two brokers are to be heard suggesting that now is the time to buy for recovery Reed International whose chares are resting at 130p after their lide from 233p earlier this year. Borrowings are a burden indeed, but some say that Reed could if it teamed sell two Quebec pulp mills and cut horrorines at a stroke. The plants could jund ready busiers.

> In the financial sector banks were led down by Barciays, 8p lower at 3200, closely followed by Lloyds which shed 6p to 272p. Figures from Stenbouse 272p. Figures from Stenbouse enabled the shares to firm a penny to 100p in a retreating sector, while the weakest of properties included Great Portland, off 8p to 288p. Land Securities 6p to 207p and Berkeley Hambro 5p to 107p. Both IC Gas 70 to 3780 and Cawoods 40 to 1440 lost ground after figures, but K Shoes

managed an impressive 6p jump

Equity turnover on December 12 was £99.11m (13,308 bar. acording to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, BAT Did, Beecham. Serck, BP, LRC, Thorn, Shell, H Svkes, Talbez, Iames Finlay, Lucas, ICI Holdings and G. Dew.

5.54(2.41) -(-) -(2.7) 4.05(3.63) -(7.9) 10b(25b) -(15b) -(1.4.7) 290b(280b) -(1.2) News divide Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net a Forecast. b Cents.

First-half fall of 7 pc knocks IC Gas shares

By Tony May
News of a 7 per cent dip in first-helf pre-tax profits at first-helf pre-tax profits at Imperial Continental Gas to £1.18m prompted a 7p cut in the share price to leave it ar 378p. The decline is offset by lower interest and depreciation charges and an increase in interest received by the group. This leaves attributable profits up a full 86 per cent at £462,000.

As usual these interim results include the association and its subsidiaries but not the Belgian subsidiaries. Mr F. E. Zellinger, chairman, says that present indications are for a group's shares of profits from the Belgian subsidiaries, together with the group proportion of UNERG earnings, will be slightly greater in terms of Belgian francs than for 1976-77.

Tax provisions made in the accounts in previous years amounting to about £1.4m have been released, and will be treated in the accounts of this year as a previous years' adjust-

With a pronounced fail in

the level of currency fluctua-

tions, profits from insurance

broking and industrial group Stenhouse Roldings, climbed by 35 per cent to £10.02m in the year to end-September last.

The contribution from the

The contribution from the 54.47 per cent-owned insurance broking subsidiary, Reed Shaw Osler, improved by just over a third to £8.59m taken at a conversion rate against the Cauadian dollar of \$1.77 against \$1.89 in the previous year (when

currency realignments produced almost half Reed Shaw Osler's

The effects the swinging parities produced an excep-tional loss of £444,000 in 1976-

Pay problem

A warning that the spectre of pay difficulties is likely to overhang the annual profits of Crown House comes from chairman Mr Patrick Edge Partington in his interim statement.

Since September, the glassware division of the group has been hit by the strike of British Oxogen drivers while the "so

Oxygen drivers while the "go slow" and subsequent strike of

the lift maintenance men has also had its effect. "Therefore while the affairs of the grown

may in many ways be said to be in fine condition there is over-hanging the danger of profits being affected by pay difficulties", he tells shareholders.

In the six months to Septem-

ber 30 last, the group turned in a pre-tax profit of £1.1m against a previous £990,000 on turnover

And the national pay policy is hindering growth in another way. Crown, which is involved

in engineering, table glassware manufacture and property deve-

lopment, is service orientated and, as such, heavily dependent

A national policy which arti-

ficially holds down the levels of pay, other than in the short

term, can only be dangerous to

such a business, says Mr Edge-

However, orders for engineering services in the period were 448.5m against a previous £37m

and the chairman anticipates that profits at the year end should exceed the £2.6m made

For shareholders there is a stepped up interim dividend of 1.56p, against 1.51p. And in a depressed market yesterday the

on people.

Partington.

up from £36.2m to £43.4m.

at Crown

By Ray Maughan

profits growth).

Stenhouse climbs 35 pc in

all-round improvement

taken of this in the interim results.

Mr Zollinger says that the Calor Group's turnover was 28 per cent up on the first six months of last year. Trading profit increased by 22 per cent to 5897,000. It included a profit of £400,000 on the sale of assets on withdrawing from transport operations in Germany. The continuing pressure on margins bas been remporarily increased by the cost of converting butane cylinders to the more convenient "switch-on" system in Great Britain. The board states that uncertainties over pay negotiations in the fuel and power industries, and winter temperatures, make it difficult

at this stage to forecast the profit for the full year.

Over 1976-77 the group, which has big North Sea interests, managed a 50 per cent rise to a record £22.2m before tax, and one of 37! per cent to £14.6m at the consolidated net earnings level.

77 against a profit of £375,000 previously. Excluding, these items, earnings per share advanced by 27 per cent to 13.03p. The shares climbed 1p yesterday to 100p where the p/e-excluding currency changes—is 7.7.

The industrial side produced growth of 34 per cent to £2.03m

at the pre-tax profits level where the engineering and jeweky divisions countiluted the bulk of the year's growth. Textiles encountered difficult conditions throughout much of the year.

the year

The board, headed by Mr G.
Boyd, is recommending a final
gross dividend of 3.64p which
lifts the total from 5.5p to
6.14p gross per share where
the yield is 6.2 per cent.

Growth continues at the City of Dublin Bank with pre-tax profits for the year to September 30, expanding by 40 per cent to a record £426,000. This

makes a rise of over 80 per cent in the past two financial

In the absence of something

really unwelcome Mr · Thomas

Kenny, chairman, expects next year to show record profits yet

again. The board plans to raise the

final dividend by 27 per cent as it is not restricted by the dividend limits currently oper-

dividend limits currency operating in the United Kingdom.
This will make a total dividend for the year of 2.6p gross compared with 2.25p for 1976.
The group's biggest profit earner is instalment lending,

during the year advances in-creased from F5.5m to £8m. There are 20,000 accounts and

the arrears position is most satisfactory and well below

national averages.

Secured lending has also increased from £4.6m to £5.3m.

and the group would welcome the opportunity to quote for more of this business, but to satisfy its criteria, it must be of good quality.

ECGD BACKS LOAN

ECGD has guaranteed repayment and funding of \$45.6m loan which Chicorp International Back has made available to Ivory Coak Government. Second largest dollar loan backed by ECGD.

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Butters Cranca subsidiary is selling its London premises at Hillingdon to Ruston Euryrus, crane and

excavator manufactorers of Lin-

Butters' manufacturing now con-

ECGD BACKS LOAN

cola, for £470,000.

casts shadow City of Dublin Bank

Another growth year for

the group has increased its

The group has increased its stake in Fairmont State (formerly Faber Merlin of Thailand) to 43 per cent and now has listed holdings with a market value of around 58.5m. However this does not include the cash received for the 35 per cent holding in Crofty or its interests in Malaysia and Thailand. And the directors envisage using some of the "considerable resources" to buy up companies in the buy up companies in the mining, house-building and allied industries.

The share price of both companies remained unchanged yesterday with Crofty closing at 72p and Saint Piran at 75p. Subject to the relaxation of Government dividend restraints Saint Piran expects to pay total dividend of 5.68p gross for the year. This would be satisfactorily covered by likely profits,

Briefly

In annual report chairman writes that pre-tax profit this year to next June will probably drop from last year's record to around previous year's. But net profit may well show increase on 1976-1977. Mr J. S. Dick retiring

as chairman at begining of April

Board now thinks that tracking loss in period April 1 to December 31, 1977, will be approximately £150,000 Board to restructure

business and cut overheads. It is also taking advice on realizing leasehold interest in Hanover Sq premises. Mr S. Shannan, chairman, and Mr I. B. Shannan to

He has switched share stakes with market value of around

filton in House of Fraser to charitable and family trusts. So he is left with no beneficial interest in ord though he stays

Rights issue has been taken in 97.23 per cent. Belance has been sold and net proceeds will be

Mr Roy Hantersley, Secretary of State for Prices, not referring merger between Trafalgar House

and Morgan Grampian to Mono police Commission.

This Mansfield iron foundry business have discharged debts to unsecured creditors and have terminated Receivership of Co.

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Serck warning after topping forecast It is a reasonable bet that Associated Engineering would

and Crofty have had a greater chance of succeeding with its 535m offer for Serck if it had pitched next month rather than a year earlier. But, then, the target would probably look less temping. By Alison Mitchell By Alison Mitchell
The rising price of tin puts
a gloss on the half-year profit
figures of mining and property
group Saint Piran and its
recently re-quoted subsidiary
South Crofty.
In the six months to Septemtempting.
Certainly heat exchange and valve manufacturer Serck is well clear of its bid defence targets of 19m pre-tax with a 30 per cent profit rise to 59.32m.

Earnings climbed 27 per cent

In the six months to September 30 the parent group turned in a pre-tax profit of £1.3m against a previous £798,000 on turnover up from £5.9m to £7.2m, while Crofty hoisted profits by £600,000 to £1.1m on improved turnover of £4.1m against £2.9m last time.

In October Saint Piran floated off 35 per cent of South Crofty with an offer for sale

to 12.1p a share The share price fall, however, was prompted by the board's warnings for the current year. The market for industrial valves 40 per cent of Serck's business remains difficult and Crofty with an offer for sale to raise £2.6m. At the time business—remains difficult and there is no sign of any upturn. So the current year has started indifferently and the prospects are "uncertain". The warning from Mr R. G. Martin, chairman, is clear. "We shall need a concerted effort on the part of all at Serck to match the excellent results achieved last year." to raise 12.5m. At the time of the confry made a conservative pre-tax profit forecast of £2m for the year to end March, 1978. However with the average time price received for the first half amounting to £5,850 a tonne and the three-month tim price which is property out to around likely to work out at around £6,350 a tonne for the year as year."
Sterling's recent strength a whole, Crofty could finish the

KShoes Limited Preliminary Profit Statement The Group Profits and Dividends are summarised as

follows:—		
Year ended 30th September	1977	1976
	£000's	£000's
Group Turnover	43,147	39,573
Group Profit after all charges		
but before taxation	2,086	1,562
Taxation	382	45
Group Profit after Taxation	1,704	1,517
Ordinary Dividends	%	% 3.08
Interim-paid	3.08	3.08
Final-proposed	6.00	5,28
TOTAL	9,08	8.36
Amounts absorbed by di ids	£000's	£0003 s
Preference - paid	11	11
Ordinary – paid and proposed	341	314
TOTAL.	352	325
Earnings per Ordinary Share	11.27p	10,03p

For 1977 the Group has, for the first time, adopted accounting standard SSAP 9 relating to the valuation of stocks and has ceased to provide for deferred taxation, following the recommendation of Exposure Draft 19. The 1976 figures have been altered so that they are

fully comparable. The Annual General Meeting will be held in Kendal on Thursday, 16th February 1978. The final Ordinary Dividend will be paid on 6th March 1978, the record date being 16th January 1978.

DIVIDENDS

The Directors propose a Final Ordinary Dividend of 1.5 pence per share (1976 1.32 pence). The Interim Dividend was 0.77 pence per share, so that the total.
Ordinary Dividend for the year, with an imputation tax credit of 34% (1976 35%) is equivalent to a gross dividend of 13.76% (1976 12.86%).

The Chairman, Mr. S. Crookenden, comments:-

Pre-tax profits for the year, at £2,086,000 show an increase of 33.5% while the turnover of £43,147,000 was up by 9%.

The year's results are better than expected at the half-year, thanks to a fine performance by our retail company, K Shoe Shops Ltd. They produced a record profit, helped by buoyant demand in August and

The Manufacturing Company, KShoemakers Limited, had a difficult year, making a loss. The first half-year was depressed with the problems of closing one factory and of running other factories below capacity, and it took several months to rebuild morale and productivity. Our factories are now busy, thanks to improved demand this autumn, and to increased forward orders from retailers for the spring 1978 ranges of men's, women's and children's K shoes. Manufacturing prospects look much brighter than at this time last year.

K Shoes Limited, Kendal, Cumbria

Mr Robin Martin, chalemen of may also prove a dampaner. Over 50 per cent of profits were earned in overseas markets last year but their superior rate of growth by comparison

to 9p per share.

with domestic operations may be jeopardized by the fall in British export competitiveness.

As forecast, the gross total dividend is hoisted from 3.71

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A good year's trading: turnover and profit at record levels.

The 44th Annual General Meeting of S. Simpson Limited was held on 13th December in London, Dr. S. L. Simpson. Chairman presiding: The following are extracts from his

I am pleased to report a good year's trading in all divisions. In effect, our Turnover and Profit for the Financial Year under review surpassed all previous records. The achievements of the Manufacturing Companies in the second half of the year confirmed the forecast in my last year's Statement. For Simpson (Piccadilly) Ltd. the comprehensive range of DAKS Clothing for men and women played a prominent part in trading and its wide range of fashion goods in all sections also proved highly successful with overseas visitors.

Both the DAKS-Simpson Manufacturing Companies made good progress in the second half of the Financial Year as the benefits of re-organisation, large investments in modern equipment and techniques, creative styling and merchandising and great efforts to meet the needs of potential Export markets, began to be realised.

Royalty incomes from our Licensees abroad are a progressive and useful contribution to profit. These areas require adequate and close liaison with our experts in this country to ensure worldwide standards of design and quality. U.S.A. remains the most expansive potential.

The Company has just finalised an Agreement with Bernard Weatherill Ltd., internationally known for its Riding Wear, to co-operate in the manufacture and marketing of Men's and Women's riding jackets, coats, jodhpurs and breeches.

The Invertère Coat Company increased its turnover and profits substantially, especially in the second half of the year, establishing new high levels. Exports accounted for more than

The past year's achievements for the Group and present trading give good grounds for a favourable outlook for the current half year. However, it would be imprudent not to recognise that we are not immune from the general industrial and fiscal problems in this country and overseas. The problems of inflation, industrial and social unrest, increasing charges for essential services and onerous high taxation, inevitably constitute disincentives to entrepreneurs, management, skilled workers and investors, especially as the high rates of texation in many areas, including investment income, are well beyond those of our industrial competitors in other countries. However, there are some signs of a better understanding of the many complex inter-related problems and of the need for us all to pull together if we are to solve them for the benefit of the country as a whole. With this hope and expectation I retain my qualified optimism for the future.

My sincere thanks, as Chairman, are due to all my colleagues on the Boards, and to Management and Staff of all companies within the Group for their efforts and loyal co-operation in achieving a successful and progressive year's trading.

S.Simpson Retailing spearheads recovery as K Shoes again tops £2m

By Tony May
A spirited recovery in the second-half has pushed K Shoes back past the £2m mark for the year to September 30. This is better news than seemed likely at half-time, when pre-tax profits dropped from £1.14m to £762,000. Mr Spencer Crockenden, chairmen, said that prob-lems associated with the close down of the Norwich factory were the main cause of the setback, but this problem was now behind. He expected profits for the full year to be close to the 1975-76 total.

for the full year to be close to the 1975-76 total.

In the event, the second half brought a leap of 68 per cent to £1.32m before tax leaving the year's total at £2.08m against £1.56m last year and the record £2.7m made in 1972-73. This was achieved on sales 9 per cent up at £43.1m, and points to a rise in margins from 3.79m per cent to 4.65 per cent.

Mr Crookenden says the results reflect a fine performance by the retail outlets. Helped by an upturn in demand over August and September this

Disruption

Smiths Inds

Much the same as Lucas Industries last week assessed the adverse effect of the tool-makers' strike, Mr Roy Sisson, charman of Smiths Industries, also reports "considerable disruption" stemming from

ruption stemming from reaction to the anti-inflation

While many of its sectors were well covered with forward

were well covered wan forward orders, the group's ability to deliver goods was dependent on how the anti-inflation policy was reflected in industrial disruption both in its own and customers workforces.

Generally, sales and profits of many of its activities showed

improvement on a year ago. Mr Sisson cited the main exceptions

Sisson cited the main exceptions as its operations with motor vehicle manufacturers and with the sero-space industry which have been affected by disruption. He gives a warning that because of this total profits for the current heaf-year will fall below those of the same period. But with signs of a lessaning in the disruption, plus improvement within the company, k was on the cards that this opening shortfall could be recouped in the full year.

After a slight rise to 84 per cent last week, the coupon on this weeks batch of local authority bonds has dropped to 78 per cent. The biggest borrower, with £1.5m over one year, is Maidstone, while Edinburgh is

reising £1.25m. Havering, Hoursdow, Portsmouth, Strathclyde, and Windsor and Maidenhead ere each raising £1. A valuable interest rate is preferred by Thamasdown.

Warniord ahead and

rental boost to come

Ahead of the upturn in reptal income which is expected to seem shortly from the refurbish-ment and reletting of the predominantly short leasehold

predominantly short leasehold portfolio, pre-tax revenue et Warnford Investments climbed by just over £30,000 to £801,000 in the six months to June 24. Shareholders, who include the Sebba family with a 36 per cent stake and Co-operative Insuranca Society with a further 10 per cent, receive a 10 per cent increase in the gross interim dividend to 3.906p a share.

Business appointments

Bowring Group chief to give up executive duties

Mr Edgar Bowring, chairman of The Bowring Group is to give up his executive duties on December 31. He will be succeeded as chairman of Bowmaker by. Mr Peter Bowring and as chairman of C. T. Bowring (Insurance). Holdings, by Mr I. R. Binney. Mr Peter Bowring will also succeed Mr Edgar Bowring will also succeed Mr Edgar Bowring when the latter retires as group chairman next May.

Mr J. B. H. Martin's to become chairman of Martin The Newsagent next March, succeeding Mr B. H. S. Martin, who is to remain a director and is to become life president. Mr J. B. H. Martin's post as marketing director will be taken over by Mr P. J. Martin, the stores co-ordination director.

Mr R. G. Schweitzer continues as managing director.

sir Philip Rogers has been elected a non-executive director of Glazo Holdings from January L. Mr. Bernard Norman, director of Retail Travel, and Mr. Robert Woodford ground, personnel com-

Woodford, group personnel con-troller, have joined the board of

troller, have joined the board of Thomas Cook.

Mr E. H. Boot, chairman and managing director of Heary Boot and Sons, is to become chairman and joint managing director. Mr D. H. Boot is to be deputy chairman and Mr J. B. Parkinson joint managing director.

Mr D. T. Hand has joined the board of N. Brown Investments.

Mr Bill Kiely has been made chairman of Foote. Cone & Belding, succeeding Mr Brian MacCabe, who remains o nihe board of both FCB London and the parent company FCB Communications Incorporated. Mr Kiely condinues as managing director. Mr Denis Inchbald, Mr Sinclair Stewart and Mr Carl Behr have joined the board.

Mr D. A. Plume has joined the board of Camping Gaz (GB) as director of marketing services. Mr G. T. Checketts becomes

managing director and continues as deputy chairman of Hawker Siddeley International, Mr E. F. T. Jenkins and Mr C. H. Brooks have

been made directors.

Mr Harry Griffin has been made chief excurve of Stanley Gibbons

Products.
Mr N. Copson has become a director of London Scottish Finance Corporation. Mr A. S. Rosen has retired.

Yearing bonds

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Mr Spencer Crookenden, chair-

division made a record profit.

The group's results would have been better but for a loss the manufacturing company, Shoemakers, which has met

The close-down at Norwich and the running of several other factories below capacity depressed the first half, and Mr Crockenden says that it took several months to rebuild morate and productivity. The group's factories are now busy, thanks to improved demand this autumn, and the increased forward ordering by retailers for the spring ranges of men's, women's and children's K cause. He adds that manufac-turing prospects look much brighter than at this time last

For the first time, the group has edopted the new accounting standard for valuing stocks, and has stopped providing for deferred taxation. The 1976 figures have been altered for a full comparison.

The results were good for the shares pushing them up 5p to 49p, where the yield is 7.02 per cent. The gross dividend total of 3.44p against 3.21p, and earnings a share 11.27p against 10.03p.

Wilson Brothers up 40pc at the halfway stage

Greetings card publisher Wilson Brothers reports a rise Wilson Brothers reports a rise of 40 per cen tin pre-tax profits to £486,000 for the 26 weeks to September 30 this is coupled with the good news that pre-tax profits for the full year to March 31 1978 will be substantially higher than for the previous year. The chares stayed form at 36 in westerday.

Turnover of this Middlesar-based group was £6.1m for the 26 weeks compared with £4.8m for 27 weeks. Margins rose slightly from 7.11 to 7.95 per-cent and carolings a share are 2.01p against 1.46p. The direc-tors declared an interior divi-

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Group has bought 75 per cent
of capital of Rouger et Cle for
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profit from assets being acquired
£120,772.

dend of 0.97p compared with 0.75p for the corresponding period. The board has decided that the whole of the 10 per cent increase permitted for the year should be added to the interim dividend.

interim dividend.

Recently, Britain's biggest maker of greeting cards Fine Art. Developments, increased pre-tax profits by one third to £1.15m. Earlier in the year Fine Art raised £1.85m by way of a rights issue. Fine Art at present holds a 20.17 per cent stake in Wilson Brothers.

In the last full year pre-tax profits of Wilson Brothers fell from £674,000 to £449,000 with taxpover up from £7.6m to £8.4m.

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Acceptances for \$2.7 per cent of the 58.7m shares offered as rights. Shares not taken up sold and net premium over offer price, 73p a share, to be distributed to those

Cawoods face lag after good opening

By Our Financial Scaff Profits at Cawoods Holdings the first balf of the current year but Mr Edward Binks, chairman, is not so confident of the second six months.

Lower interest rates, capital mending and market forces are likely to leave the group below last year's second half profit of f4.5m. Yesterday the shares slipped 4p to 144p.

In the half to September 30 the Harrogate-based fuel distri-

butor-to-road materials conglomerate increased pre-tax profits from a previous £2.4m to £2.9m on turnover up £18m to £102m. The 21 per cent improvement in turnover reflected price in-creases in coal and oil and some growth in volume in the solid and oil fuel, building materials, refractories and con-

tainer shipping divisions.

Fear by consumers of a miners strike, and a more normal summer this year, increased demand for domestic coal and complete the strike. coal, and coupled to rising prices, this hoisted the division's profit contribution. However the chairman gives warning that the improvement could be at the expense of second-half

figures.
Solid and oil fuel sales were competition up, despite severe competition in the market but coal exports remained depressed. Current stocks of coal and oil fuel, totalling £5.2m, show an improvement on the same period last year.

The difficulties of the construction industry and learned last total and learned learned last year.

struction industry and lower house starts have not held back profits in the building and road materials division the chairman reports. This suggests that Cawoods has increased its

market share.

The refractories and container shipping services also turned in stepped-up contribu

Cawoods also has an 11.6 per cent stake in London & Scottish Marine Oil and various interests in eight North Sea blocks held by Total Oil Marine Consortium.

Exploration to cost Hudson's Bay \$150m

Calgary, Alberta.—Mr S. G. Olson, president of Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas, says that 1978 investment plans recently approved by the directors will result in more than \$150m of expenditure for exploration, development and other activities. This will also be 20 per cent higher than the 1977 pro-

gramme. Expenditures for oil and gas exploration will be the largest in the group's history at nearly \$90m, with three quarters expected to be spent in Canada and the rest in foreign areas. In comparison with 1977, this will represent an increase of 40 per cent. The Canadian portion of the 1978 programme will

tion of the 1978 programme will be up by 30 per cent, and will result in participation in the drilling of approximately 120 exploratory wells.

In Alberta, where the majority of the activity will take place, the group expects to participate in 10 deep tests in the footbills and deep basin areas and about 30 exploratory. areas and about 30 exploratory wells in the prolific whitecourt block in west-central Alberta. Saskatchewan as part of the heavy oil exploration programme, and four natural gas prospects will be tested in British Columbia.

Donaldson, Lufkin

New York Donaldson, Lufco and Wood Struthers and Winthrop. The combined firms will have a capital base of nearly \$75m including a revolved and struthers are presented for the combined firms will have a capital base of nearly \$75m including a revolved for the control page of \$15m. redix and term loan of \$15m.

Pershing and Co is a New
York stock exchange clearing
broker and correspondent for
more than 100 regional and international securities firms. Wood Strushers and Winthrop is a New York stock exchange member firm.—Reuter.

All well at Daimler

Stuttgart.—Deimler-Benz has had another successful year. The final 1977 turnover figure is put at DM25,500m compared with DM23,500m, Herr Joachim Zahn, management board chair-

International

climb 16 per cent to DM11,000m he added. Earnings are also expected to grow thanks to an above average rise in car production and sales, particularly of the Mercedes S models.

Goodyear confident

Akron, Ohio. - The United States tyre industry will produce 255m car and truck tyres this year. This is nearly 7 per cent more than the old production record set in 1972, Good-year Tire & Rubber chairman, Mr Charles J. Pilliod comments. He says that car tyre output will rise 25 per cent to over 200m units. Truck tyre production will be up 32 per cent to 39m units. The 1978 car tyre market will be 195m units and truck tyre units will total 41m,

he estimates. The United States tyre indus-

try is entering a period of sales stability with a forecast 7 to 71 per cent increase in curtyre sales over the next year, Mr Pilliod added.

Carter merger plan

New York.—Carter Hawley itores, which has sold its iouse of Frazer stake to Lonrho, has proposed merger negotiations with Marshall Field and Co. Carter chief Mr P. M. Hawley said that Marshall Field management has so far been unwilling to enter into negotlations, and no response to his letter has been received. Carter proposes a share exchange valuing Marshall Field shares

Pechiney's leap

Paris.—Pechiney Ugine Kuhl-mann, the big aluminium and chemical group expects 1977's net profits to be between Fr350m and Fr500m up from last year's Fr153m.

The directors told an informa-tion meeting that gross consoli-dated profits this year are expected to be Fr1.8 billion up from Fr1.2 billion in 1976,— Reuter.

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	6 months to 30/9/77 £	5 months to 30/9/76	12 months to 31/3/77 £		
Turnovar	7,159,000	5,958,000	12,338,000		
Pretax profits	1,297,000	798,000	2,093,000		

Highlights of Interim Statement

- ★ Dividend—5% interim dividend payable on 3rd February, 1978.
- * Trading-improved results from both mining and
- ★ Outlook-Saint Piran has a very strong base and considerable cash resources with which to pursue its acquisition policy.

Copies of the Interim Statement may be obtained from the Secretary, Saint Piran Limited, 13 Hill Street, Berkeley Square, London W1X 808.

South Crofty, Limited

Summary of Half-Year Results

	6 months to 30/9/77	6 months	12 months to 31/3/77
•	2	3	2
Tumover	4,125,000	2,874,000	6,676,000
Pretax profits	1,139,000	539,000	1,481,000

Highlights of Interim Statement

- * Dividend-16-5% interim dividend payable on 3rd February, 1978.
- * Trading-substantially increased profits caused by sustained level of production coupled with rise in tin

Copies of the Interim Statement may be obtained from the Secretary, South Crofty, Limited, Station Road, Pool, Redruth, Connwall TR15 3QH.

Milbury Limited



		
8 months	6 months	12 months
to 30/9/77	to 30/9/76	to 31/3/77
E	3	£
2,686,000	2,570,000	4,447,000
267,000	263,000	485,000
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Highlights of Interim Statement

- ★ Dividend—6% interim dividend payable on 3rd February, 1978.
- * Trading-profitability maintained despite high in-
- * Land-land bank replenished by purchase of further prime land.

Copies of the Interim Statement may be obtained from the Secretary, Milbury Limited, 178 Old Wallington Road, Eccles, Manchester M30 90P.

What does Grindlays bank on?

The Grindlays Bank Group has come a long way from its beginnings in the 19th Century. In 1977 we are a major international bank -a world leader in certain areas-but we work hard

to preserve the traditions that put us where we are today. Although the Group is now represented and active all around the world, we have not forgotten that it is people who make our business: our own specialists and managers in head affice and branches working alongside other people our customers. The success of this team effort can be seen in these

examples of the Group's activities - as they happen.

They are the result of people's efforts.

That is what Grindlars banks on.

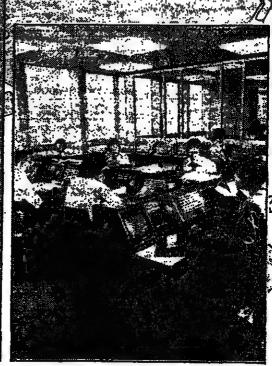


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company.



THE GROUP ACTIVELY PROMOTES BRITISH EXPORTS THROUGH ECGD DOLLAR BUYER CREDITS We have arranged ECGD export finance facilities for British equipment to customers. in over 55 countries.



THE GROUP'S TREASURY DIVISION COVERS ALL FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND MONEY MARKET ACTIVITIES. Our foreign exchange dealing room is one of London's most active in the major currencies and also provides quotations in up to 40 other currencies. The Treasury is also active in the eurocurrency and sterling inter-bank markets and in particular offers a service in a wide range of money market instruments.



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Feed barley exports The Home-Grown Cereals Authority reports in its latest weekly digest that the decline in feed barley prices since August has been followed by rumours of large exports during the 1977-78 soason. The authority motes that

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Copper rise premature?

New York, Dec 13.—Asarco
Inc's 2½ cents per pound increase
in copper prices to 62½ cents for
cathodes surprised a number of
leading traders here, trade

Traders side prices increase.

Traders also primed of other producers probably will follow Asarco. If free-market values hold steady, or weaken, other producers might delay a price increase. price increase.

Traders also pointed out that much of the free market's strength in recent days, although prices never popped Asarco's old producer values of 60 cents for cathodes and 60.625 for wire bars, has been based on speculative, rather than consumer buying, although the latter was fairly strady at the lower witce levels. sources said.
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free-market quotes

Wall Street New York, Dec 13.—The New York stock exchange closed lower with the Dow Jones industrial average off 0.52 to 815.23.

Deckining issues led gainers by 750 to 520. Volume totalled 19,190,000 shares, up from Monday's 18,180,000.

Analysis said investors were concerned with the outcome of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) meeting.

The United States has reportedly expressed an unwillingness to support the dollar through active intervention on the foreign active intervention on the foreign exchange and instead is seeking promises from West Germany and Japan that they stimulate their conomies.

Guif & Western Industries Increes? to 12]. The company said that in fiscal 1978 it "might reverse" the decline in earnings experienced in fiscal 1977, ended July 31. Silver gains 5.10 cents

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Crown House

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66 The Board expect that the profit before lax of the group for 1977/78 will exceed that achieved in the previous year, and have decided to increase the interim ordinary dividend to 1.1 pence (1 penny) 99

Patrick Edge-Partington, Chairman, Crown House Limited

Foreign Exchange

Sterling gained 90 points at \$1.8405 compared with \$1.8315 overnight as the dollar continued its slide against all major currencies. The absence of any specific agreement from the meeting of the central bankers in Basle, combined with the apparent reluctance bined with the apparent reluctance on the part of the American authorities to support the dollar, left the unit valuerable throughout

the session.

At the close of business the dollar had edged off the bottom, The pound's effective exchange index closed unaltered at 63.4 after easing marginally at the opening calculation of 63.3.

Gold lost \$0.50 an ounce to close in London at \$157.525.

Spot Position of Sterling

Forward Levels Gold

Money Market Rates

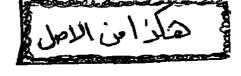
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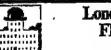
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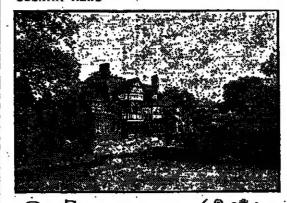
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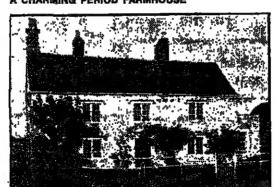
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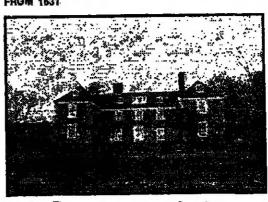
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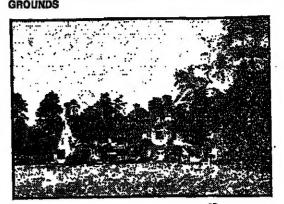
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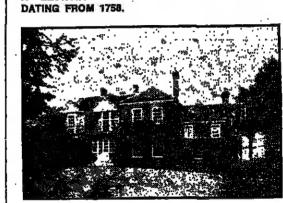
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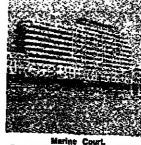
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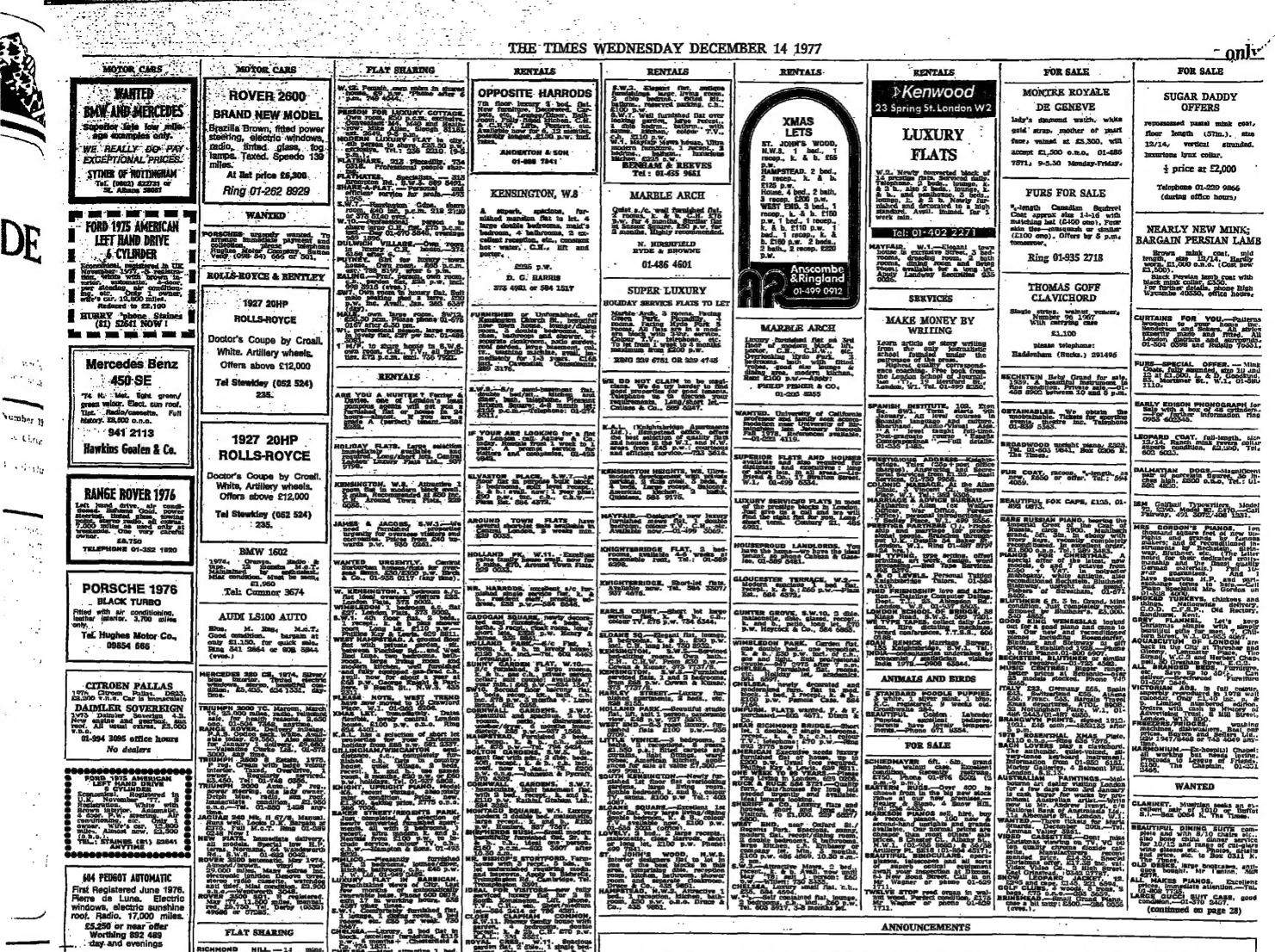
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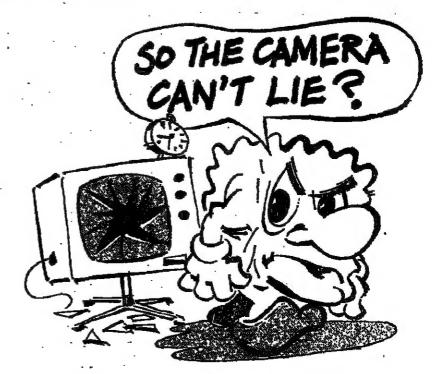
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	12.45 pm, News. 1.90, Pebble Mill. 1.45-2.00, The Flumps. 2.25, Volunteers. 3.55, Play School. 4.20, Secret Squirrel. 4.25, Jacksnory. 4.40, The Pink Panther. 5.00, John Craven. 5.05, The King's Thief, by Alan England. 5.35, Ivor the Engine. 5.40, News. 5.55, Nationwide. 6.53 Film: The Pearl of Death with Basli Rathbonc, Nigel Bruce.* 8.05 Secret Army.	10.20 am, Gharbar. 10.45, Parosi. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 7.00 News Headines. 7.03 Play Golf. 7.30 Newsday. 8.00 The Master Game, chess tournament, Karpov v Pfleger. 8.30 The Getaways, Point-to-Point. 9.00 Hospital.	9.30 am, Cartoon, 9.46, The Time of the Hawks. 10.10, Conquest at Sea. 11.00, Marcus Welby, MD. 11.50, Cartoon. 12.00, Munife. 12.10 am, Step- ping Stones. 12.30, Sounds of Britain. 1.00, News. 1.22, Help I 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, After	A. I. V 9.55 am, Something Different (r). 19.10, The Addams Family (r). 10.35, Farchouse (r). II.06, ATV Sport: Motor Racing, II.55, Paraley. I2.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Upstairs, Downstairs (r). 3,20, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 10.36, Baretta. II.25-12.25, Farcock: Last of the Pharochs. (r) Repeat.
	9.00 News. 9.25 Sports Review of 1977	this week. 11.40-11.45 Jill Balcon reads	7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street.	Southern
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į	Scotland Tocht. 6.30, Roport, 7.00, Thames, 12.20 am, Leie Call.	1 6.00 am, News. Colin Berry.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Eates. 11.31, Paul Bur- nett. 2.00 pm. Tony Blackburn.	Rimsky-Korsakov.† 19.00. Brush with Music.† 10.20. Organ Duos and Duets: Soler. Luctdinetti.† 10.50, Song recital: Wolf and Brahms.† 11.20, Grace Williams.	Hamical 3.00, News. 3.05, The Secret of Barry Stephenson, Songs of the "30s. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain in Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.65.
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80 YLE On December Sth. Tracy.
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16th.

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Yillam, Victor.—On Sth Decamber at Portree Hospital.

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Wednesday 14th.

PENCER. CHURCHILL.—On 12th Decamber. 1977. Baroness.

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ACROSS 1 Relation demands tick, meettrained (9).

with Gelert? (5). 11 Old witch leads soldiers-of course in Glasgow? (6). 12 Things we don't keep break. 16 Tribal leader's trial not finished in a month (9). 13 Many bid for the chest (6). 17 A producer of strain (8).

18 A bit of dissension about 20 Girl seen before holding end of December (8). 19 Employees go to a Scottish 22 Periodical strike? (5), island (6). island (6).
21 Turn to musical instrument 25 Start of republican revolu-

with an air duct (8). 23 Light meal suitable on retiring—bit of Esh (6). 26 She beheaded a Greek shiplauncher, we hear (5).

27 Plant of a sort bearing fruit by start of winter (9). 28 Cooked hot coarse food, in a way (12).

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